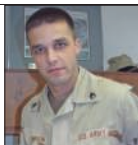


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First Lt. Thomas Hernandez, right holding notebook, talks to an Iraqi farmer about flooding on his land near Ash-Shumali, while a translator, center, assists. Hernandez and other members of the 1st Battalion, 185th Armor Regiment's civil-military operations team spend time interacting with Iraqis, helping to maintain peace in the area.

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News Tracker ... What's new with old news

States

Lori Hacking: Family and friends buried the remains of Lori Hacking on Saturday, eight days after her body was recovered from a landfill in Salt Lake County, Utah.

Police officers who assisted in the search were also invited to the private ceremony at Orem City Cemetery.

Hacking's mother, Thelma Soares, placed a red rose on the casket and hugged Sgt. J.R. Nelson, the Salt Lake City police officer who found the remains while sifting through garbage on Oct. 1.

Enron lawsuit: Galveston County, Texas, has sued former Enron Corp. finance chief Andrew Fastow, claiming he and his wife Lea owe more than \$17,400 in back taxes on a beach home.

The Fastows agreed earlier this year to turn over the vacation home, as well as other properties, to the federal government as part of restitution in Enron-related criminal proceedings.

It was unclear how that agreement will affect the county's efforts to collect taxes on the island home, The Galveston County Daily News reported Saturday.

Fastow pleaded guilty in January to two counts of conspiracy while his wife pleaded guilty in May to a misdemeanor tax crime for helping him hide ill-gotten income from myriad financial schemes that fueled Enron's December 2001 crash.

Serail murder trial: Louisiana prosecutors seeking to link a series of killings to one man presented evidence Saturday that the victims had all apparently been raped and had bruises on their hands as if they had tried to fight off their attacker.

Experts also testified that biological evidence found at the scene of one of the murders matched Derek Todd Lee's DNA profile.

Prosecutors said they planned to introduce DNA evidence that would connect Lee with three other deaths across southern Louisiana from 1998 to 2003. Lee is on trial for the death of 22-year-old Charlotte Murray Pace, who was found slashed, beaten and stabbed 81 times in May 2002. He has already been convicted of killing another woman.

Mount St. Helens watch: Mount St. Helens in Washington state shot off a new cloud of steam Sunday just as scientists arrived for another day of monitoring the rumbling volcano.

The billow of dark steam rose at dawn from an area of the crater where a large upwelling of rock has been growing rapidly. The plume rose several hundred feet above the 8,364-foot volcano, and light wind slowly blew it toward the south and southeast.

Scientists did not immediately determine whether the steam cloud contained any volcanic ash, said an information officer at the joint information center in Vancouver, Wash., about 50 miles south of the moun-



Somali election: Somali presidential candidate Abdullahi Yusuf Ahmed, left, stands next to an unidentified election official on Sunday. Members of Somalia's transitional parliament will vote a second time for a new transitional president because none of the 26 contenders got an absolute majority in the first round of voting, the speaker said.

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The steam emission followed an increase in earthquake activity over the previous two days, with quakes of magnitude 2.4 occurring every two minutes until Sunday, when the vibrations were more frequent but weakened to magnitude 1 or less.

Martha Stewart in jail: Martha Stewart was the picture of loneliness Saturday as she explored the grounds of her new home — a federal prison camp in West Virginia.

Stewart, 63, arrived at the camp in Alderson early Thursday morning to begin serving a five-month sentence for lying to federal investigators about a stock sale.

Her first hours were filled with humbling orientation chores: getting fingerprinted, a nude inspection and getting a cell.

World

Israeli-Palestinian conflict: An Israeli air craft fired a missile at a home near a Hamas stronghold in the Jebel al-Ram refugee camp on Sunday, killing one civilian and wounding eight other Palestinians, hospital officials said.

It was not immediately clear why the army targeted the house, which was near the Khofia Mosque, a power base for the militant group Hamas. The army did not immediately comment.

The strike killed a 38-year-old Palestinian civilian and seriously wounded eight other Palestinians, including a girl, hospital officials said. It also caused extensive damage

to homes and stores nearby, witnesses said.

Zimbabwe farming dispute: Police have stopped evicting black farmers settled on formerly white-owned land after a court ordered the government to clarify the farmers' status, the state-owned Sunday Mail newspaper reported.

At least 900 black farmers who were resettled under the nation's chaotic land redistribution program have been evicted in recent weeks from farming districts around Harare after government officials said they were not correctly located under the program.

The evicted farmers claim the expulsions are part of turf wars between local ruling party officials and other politicians.

Chinese skyscraper plans: A pair of Chinese companies have been awarded bids worth \$470 million to build what China is touting as the world's tallest skyscraper in Shanghai, an official newspaper reported Sunday.

The roof of the planned 101-story Shanghai World Financial Center is to rise to 1,264 feet.

That would put it 121 feet higher than the 1,493-foot-tall roof of Taipei 101 in Taiwan, regarded now as the world's tallest skyscraper.

However, the Shanghai Center would still be shorter than Taipei 101, if the Taiwanese building's spire is included, giving it a total height of 1,679 feet spire.

Military

Georgia supply aid: A U.S. military transport plane on Sunday delivered a shipment of uniforms and other military gear worth \$1.1 million to the former Soviet republic's armed forces.

Part of the shipment is intended for Georgian troops who are set to go on a peacekeeping mission in Iraq, said Natta Chikvoni, a spokeswoman for the Georgian defense ministry. Georgia, which now has 159 soldiers in Iraq, has pledged to increase their number later this month.

A total of 2,500 Georgian soldiers have received training under the U.S. program, which included instruction in anti-terror techniques. It also provided weapons, uniforms and other supplies.

War on terrorism

Guantanamo tribunal: A U.S. military review tribunal on Saturday considered the legal status of two prisoners at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, allegedly linked to al-Qaida and two others accused of fighting with the Taliban, an official said.

One prisoner, who allegedly saw al-Qaida chief Osama bin Laden twice while training to fight in Afghanistan, refused to attend his hearing, said Navy Capt. Beci Brenton, a spokeswoman for the Combatant Status Review Tribunal.

The prisoner — the 58th to boycott the proceedings at the U.S. base in Cuba — allegedly fought against U.S. forces in Afghanistan and surrendered during the bombing campaign in Tora Bora, Brenton said.

The three others attended their hearings, but details on their testimony weren't provided. The military did not release any nationalities.

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Moore's 'Fahrenheit 9/11' sells well at AAFES

Nearly 1,800 copies of DVD critical of Bush on Iraq war have been sold

BY KEVIN DOUGHERTY

Stars and Stripes

GESSEN, Germany — Its mere presence compelled some soldiers to do an about-face and duck down another aisle, away from the latest salvo in the debate over the war in Iraq.

Michael Moore's award-winning film "Fahrenheit 9/11" hit Army and Air Force Exchange Service shelves last week. While some shoppers showed little or no interest in the two-hour documentary, hundreds did, and shelled out \$19.95 for it.

"I'm about to buy it," Spc. Sylvester Charles of Company A, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery Regiment, said as he clutched the digital video disc and read the back cover. "I heard it was good."

The film, highly critical of Pres-

ident Bush, his administration and its decision to invade Iraq, took top honors this May at the annual Cannes Film Festival in France.

Critics expected it to fair well at the Academy Awards early next year. But that was before Moore announced last month on his Web site he would forgo a chance to win another Oscar in favor of an early public release, possibly on TV, before people cast their ballots.

"If there is even the remotest of chances that I can get this film seen by a few million more Americans before election day, then that is more important to me than winning another documentary Oscar," the independent producer and director wrote.

Popular though it may be, the film has its share of detractors,

people who view Moore as an angry man bent on distortions for political purposes.

Some servicemembers are wary, too.

"I really can't stand the guy," Pfc. Steve Odell said of Moore as he stood in front of a DVD display rack at the AAFES store in Giesse.

Odell, of Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 37th Armor Regiment, added he doesn't care for "Hollywood celebrities who push their own political agendas."

Moore's movie never made it to an AAFES theater marquee. Exchange officials said in mid-August that Moore's decision to start selling the DVD on Oct. 5 made it unprofitable for them to show it for such a limited time.

Instead, AAFES-Europe placed

an order for 5,000 copies of the movie on DVD, said Army Maj. David A. Accetta, an AAFES spokesman in Europe.

When it went on sale Tuesday, business was brisk. In the first three days, AAFES sold nearly 1,800 copies.

"One of my friends told me it's something I should look at," Charles said.

In Giesse, where Odell and Charles are stationed, roughly half of the 210 copies at the exchange were sold, according to store manager Greg Hall.

Hall said interest in Moore's DVD is high, though he's noticed some soldiers approach the display with a degree of trepidation.

"We figured at least a couple of hundred people would want it," Hall said, "but there was a little apprehension."

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Michael Moore's movie "Fahrenheit 9/11" hit AAFES shelves last week. Despite some apprehension sales have done fairly well. Nearly, 1,800 copies were sold in the first three days of the DVD's release.

Long trek for donated medical supplies



AMIR RUSCO/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

A combat logistics patrol lines up to deliver needed medical supplies to Iraq's beleaguered Samarra Hospital earlier this month. Company C of the 259th Forward Support Battalion, part of the 1st Infantry Division's Task Force 1-26, and the 226th Medical Logistics Battalion pooled their resources to provide the supplies to help care for Iraqi civilians hurt in the recent fighting between U.S. forces and insurgents in the city. Supplies included an array of bandages, needles and catheters for fluid replacement and emergency airway kits, plus basic antiseptics, low-level medications and pediatric emergency equipment. Another package is currently being prepared for later delivery.

Canadian forces deploy to Sigonella

BY JASON CHUDY

Stars and Stripes

Two Canadian Forces CP-140 Aurora maritime patrol aircraft along with 65 Canadian air force personnel are deploying to Naval Air Station Sigonella, Sicily, this month to participate in Operation Active Endeavour, NATO's ongoing Mediterranean maritime anti-terrorism program.

The two aircraft, according to a Canadian Force press release, will deploy through mid-December as part of Operation Sirius, Canada's portion of Active Endeavour.

The aircraft will be involved in the monitoring, surveillance, tracking and querying of "ships of interest."

Operation Active Endeavour kicked off in October 2001 in the eastern Mediterranean, and in March 2004 expanded to include the entire Mediterranean. Participating units have also twice escorted shipping through the Strait of Gibraltar.

"Canada is committed to NATO and the campaign against terrorism," said Defense Minister Bill Graham. "Operation Sirius will make an important contribution to safety in the Mediterranean Sea."

Canadian Forces Aurora aircraft also participated in anti-terrorism patrols in the Persian Gulf from fall 2001 to summer 2003, flying about 500 operational missions.

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Vilseck GI who tried to avoid Iraq duty gets jail time

BY STEVE LIEWER

Stars and Stripes

A Vilseck-based soldier accused of faking mental illness to avoid serving in Iraq was sentenced Thursday to 11 months in prison, according to the 1st Infantry Division's staff judge advocate.

Spc. Jason Lux, 24, of the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment, pleaded guilty to two counts of missing a troop movement. As part of a plea agreement, military prosecutors dropped a charge of malingering, said

Capt. Jonathan Larcomb, the division's senior trial counsel.

Larcomb said Lux had been sent home to Germany in mid-March, six weeks after the 2-2 Infantry deployed to Iraq, to undergo an emergency appendectomy. After his convalescence ended, he was allowed to stay three extra weeks to see the birth of his child.

Then Lux told his commanders he was depressed and suicidal and unable to return to Iraq. Three psychiatrists, Larcomb said, pronounced Lux fit to deploy, and his command scheduled him to fly back in June.

The first time he went to his psychiatrist, and the second time he refused to go — although, Larcomb said, he had been offered a noncombat job. His attorney, Capt. Rob Stelle, said in court Lux had told his command he feared he might hurt himself or someone else if he deployed.

Besides the jail time, the judge, Lt. Col. Robin Hall, ordered Lux to forfeit all pay during his jail term, reduced him to the lowest enlisted rank and handed him a bad-conduct discharge.

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NCO fights on in Iraq despite his disease

Würzburg GI won't allow diabetes to stand in the way of fighting war, building career

BY STEVE LIEWER

Stars and Stripes

WÜRZBURG, Germany — Staff Sgt. Mark Thompson had always been a PT stud.

So it surprised him on that sunny day in November 2000 when he got lightheaded early in his morning physical training.

"I went running with some first sergeants, and I almost passed out," recalled Thompson, now 27.

Then serving with the 1st Infantry Division's 4th Battalion, 3rd Air Defense Artillery in Kitzingen, Thompson had a bright Army future.

He expected to soon add a staff sergeant's stripe, a solid achievement for a 23-year-old who had enlisted 4½ years earlier almost on a whim after growing up in an Iowa farm town. He also had decided to become a re-enlistment counselor — a good job for a gregarious soldier with a quick smile and an easy rapport with troops.

At first Thompson wrote off his weakness as the same bronchitis that had plagued his wife, Beth. He'd been suffering from cold symptoms, too.

But that wasn't all. Lately he'd had an unquenchable thirst. He'd also been dead tired, sleeping as many as 16 hours a day. His vision had been spotty, and he'd lost about 25 pounds from his 6-foot frame.

Thompson's running mates ordered him to sick call. He went reluctantly.

"Had I gone running with people of my rank or less, I probably would have blown it off," he said.

The medics gave him one blood test, then, a few days later, a second. Then they broke the news:

Thompson had diabetes, an incurable, life-threatening disease.

"It blew my mind," he recalled. "I said, 'I'm 23 years old; I don't have a disease!'"

Thompson had barely heard of diabetes, so he scoured the Internet for information. He learned that, according to the American Diabetes Association, diabetes' bodies do not produce or properly use insulin. Insulin is a hormone that is needed to convert sugar, starches and other food into energy.

About 18 million people have diabetes. More than 90 percent of them have Type 2, which is a resistance to insulin. Usually it occurs in middle age or later and is treated with changes to diet or lifestyle, and with medication.

Thompson learned that he had the much rarer Type 1 — formerly called "juvenile-onset diabetes" because it usually appears during childhood — in which the body stops producing insulin because of a defect in the autoimmune system. Untreated, the body's blood-sugar level fluctuates wildly. That can lead to heart disease, kidney disease, nerve damage and blindness.

With Type 1 diabetes, he found out, "No matter what, you have to inject insulin."

Needles suddenly became part of his life. Any food or exercise affected his blood sugar and required a shot, up to a dozen a day. "I hated needles," he said. "The first time I gave myself a shot, I had to psyche myself up for about five minutes."

Later that year, Thompson would get the \$5,000 insulin pump he now wears on his belt. Every nine minutes, it shoots a jolt of insulin into him through a tiny catheter that runs to his stomach. It's made life much easier.

As much as the threat to his health, Thompson worried about the threat to his career. He had secured a spot in the Army's Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course in January 2001, a requirement for the promotion to E-6 he had earned.

"I'd gotten my [staff sergeant's] rocker," he said. "I was

so determined they weren't going to take that away from me."

He convinced doctors he could go. He did well at BNOC and, a few months later, was the honor grad, and earned the highest physical training scores at career counselor school.

Still, his career remained in danger. A medical board in Washington would review his case and decide, finally, whether Thompson could stay in the Army.

His doctors backed him. In July 2002, the board agreed.

Thompson's next big challenge came after the 1st Infantry Division sent orders to Iraq for February 2004. He learned that Sgt. Maj. Scott Kuhar, commander of the division's career counselors, had selected him to stay home. That bothered him.

"I didn't want to be labeled 'rear detachment' every time we deployed," Thompson said.

He found out the hospital in Tikrit stocked insulin. He learned that his downrange office had a refrigerator to keep his medicine safely cool — a big problem during Iraq's blistering summers. He secured syringes and special cool packs for emergencies.

Thompson convinced Kuhar he could go. He was in Iraq from February to July, then came home to Würzburg for his turn in the rear. He was scheduled to return to Tikrit over this weekend and stay until the 1st ID returns to Germany next spring.

According to the division's surgeon, Lt. Col. Michael Brumage, Thompson is the only insulin-dependent diabetic deployed with the unit in Iraq.

"I'm really impressed with the way he monitors [his diabetes]," Kuhar said. "He takes a very aggressive approach."

Not that it's been easy. Thompson said he's been forced to use all of his contingency plans. His pump has broken twice, forcing him to return temporarily to his regimen of shots. And he's had to use his cool packs several times during power failures.

Last week, Thompson played with his 16-month-old son, Kyle, and eagerly awaited his return to the combat zone.

Not so wife Beth, whose adjustment since his diagnosis has been almost as great as her husband's. Now, on top of the usual deployment fears, she's concerned about his disease.

"I worry about him more than he worries about himself," she said.

Thompson freely discusses his diabetes, and is not shy about injecting himself in front of others.

"A lot of diabetics are bashful about the disease because it makes you different," he said. "But I just keep it out in the open."

"You would not know he had it unless he told you," Kuhar said. "He's a great NCO. He just did not let diabetes ever stop him from doing his job."

For more about diabetes, see the American Diabetes Association Web site, www.diabetes.org

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Stripes Spotlight

Staff Sgt.

Mark

Thompson



Thompson has fought a determined battle against Type 1 diabetes to become one of the few diabetic soldiers to serve in a combat zone.

Job: Career counselor for 1st Infantry Division in Würzburg, Germany, and Tikrit, Iraq

Age: 27

Family: Wife, Beth; son, Kyle, 16 months

Hometown: Conesville, Iowa

Stars and Stripes



Thompson isn't worried about passing along diabetes to his 16-month-old son, Kyle. He said his Type 1 diabetes is not typically hereditary.



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Thompson wears a \$5,000 insulin pump on his belt. Every nine minutes, the pump shoots a jolt of insulin into his body through a small tube in his stomach to control his Type 1 diabetes, which was diagnosed four years ago.

Troop cuts could come after Iraq elections

Rumsfeld says level of violence determines if numbers can drop after January vote

By MARTIN BURNS

The Associated Press

AL ASAD AIR BASE, Iraq — The United States may be able to reduce its troop levels in Iraq after the January elections if security improves and Iraqi government forces continue to expand and improve, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said Sunday.

In a question-and-answer session with hundreds of Marines assembled in an aircraft hangar at this desert air base in western Iraq, Rumsfeld was asked what the future holds for the length and frequency of troop deployments in the country.

Rumsfeld, on his first visit to Iraq since its interim government was installed in June, said the insurgent violence is likely to get worse in the weeks ahead, so troop reductions are unlikely. The United States now has about 135,000 troops in Iraq.

"Our hope is that as we build up Iraqi forces, we will be able to relieve the stress on our forces and see a reduction in coalition forces over some period of time, probably post-Iraq elections," the Pentagon chief said. "But again, it will depend entirely on the security situation here in this country."

Before Rumsfeld appeared at the main operating base of the 3rd Marine Air Wing, the approximately 1,500 Marines in his audience were given instructions by Sgt. Maj. Dennis Reed on what not to ask.



Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld speaks to U.S. troops Sunday at Al Asad Air Base in the western Iraq desert with Iraqi Minister of Defense Hazim al Shaalan, left. Rumsfeld, on his first visit to Iraq since its interim government was installed, said the nation's insurgent violence is likely to get worse in the weeks ahead.

"Don't ask when you're going home. We'll tell you when you're going home," Reed said.

Rumsfeld then gave a pep talk and fielded questions at a town-hall-style meeting. "We're so fortunate to be able to count on you in this time of peril," Rumsfeld said to applause.

The secretary later flew to Baghdad and met with U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte; Gen.

George Casey, the top American commander in Iraq; and Lt. Gen. David Petraeus, who is in charge of training and equipping Iraqi security forces.

Accompanying Rumsfeld on the flight in a Black Hawk helicopter was Hazim al Shaalan, Iraq's interim defense minister.

As a reminder of the tenuous security situation in the Iraqi capital, the fleet of Black Hawks car-

rying Rumsfeld and his entourage flew at high speed, just above rooftop level, occasionally zigzagging en route to the international zone where the U.S. Embassy is located.

In a brief exchange with reporters after the Baghdad meeting, Rumsfeld grew agitated by questions about whether the United States may need to send more troops to Iraq before the

Iraqi elections planned in January.

"There's a fixation on that subject," he said with exasperation. "It's fascinating how everyone is locked on that."

He asserted that the news media and others are ignoring the fact that the number of U.S.-trained Iraqi security forces is growing — standing now at about 100,000 — and that they are fighting and dying.

"They do exist. Over 700 of them have been killed," Rumsfeld said.

Casey told reporters that he and Rumsfeld did not discuss U.S. troops levels in their meeting.

"If I need more troops, as the secretary said, I will ask for them." He added that the number of trained Iraqi forces is going to increase by 45,000 by election time.

Rumsfeld also met with Ayad Allawi, the interim Iraqi prime minister, at the government's headquarters not far from the U.S. Embassy.

Allawi, referring twice to Rumsfeld as the secretary of state — the job held by Colin Powell — thanked him for the United States' help in giving Iraqis their freedom.

The trip was Rumsfeld's sixth to Iraq but his first to Anbar province, which includes portions of the Sunni Triangle northwest of Baghdad. The region had been the heart of tribal support for deposed President Saddam Hussein.

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Car bombers strike twice in Baghdad

By ROBERT H. REID

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Car bombers struck twice in rapid succession in the Iraqi capital Sunday, killing at least 11 people, including an American soldier, and wounding at least 16.

Iraq's most feared terror group — Tawhid and Jihad — claimed responsibility for the near-simultaneous car bombings, one near an east Baghdad police academy and the other outside an east Baghdad market as an American military convoy was passing by.

An American soldier was fatally injured in the convoy attack, U.S. and Iraqi officials said. One Iraqi was also injured. The Kindi Hospital said it received 10 bodies from the police academy blast, and police said 15 others were injured there.

The dead at Kindi hospital included three police academy students and a female officer.

In a statement posted on the Web, Tawhid and Jihad, led by Jordanian terrorist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, said the car bombings were carried out by its mili-

tary wing and were "martyrdom" operations, meaning suicide attacks.

Al-Zarqawi's group also warned it would continue "to slaughter infidels" until the Americans and their Iraqi allies release all women detained in Iraq.

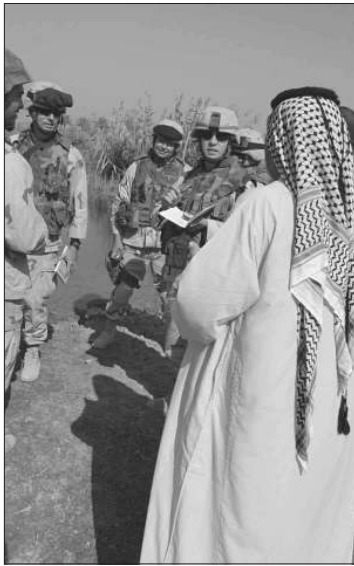
Elsewhere, the U.S. command said a Marine was killed Saturday by hostile fire in Anbar province but gave no further details.

Insurgents ambushed a Marine convoy Sunday near the western town of Hiri. U.S. officials said Marines killed three of their attackers and wounded five but suffered no casualties.

In Baghdad, an Iraqi intelligence officer was killed Sunday morning in a drive-by shooting as he left home for work, according to Col. Adnan Abdul-Rahman of the Interior Ministry.

South of the capital, the U.S. command said 15 more insurgents were rounded up Saturday in a joint American-Iraqi operation to suppress resistance in an area notorious for ambushes and kidnappings. At least 78 people have been apprehended since the push began last week, the military said Sunday.

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First Lt. Thomas Hernandez, center front holding notebook, talks to a local Iraqi farmer about flooding on his land near Ash-Shumali, Babil province, Iraq. In the background are other members of the 1st Battalion, 185th Armor Regiment's civil-military operations team: Sgt. Brian Freeman, left, and Capt. Rafael Obieta, background center.

Guardsmen win over Iraqis with reconstruction tasks

Plan keeps the peace while rebuilding area south of Baghdad

BY JULIANA GITTLER

Stars and Stripes

CONVOY SUPPORT CENTER
SCANIA, Iraq — A group of California National Guard soldiers has assumed an unfamiliar job in southern Iraq: rebuilding bridges, buildings and culverts while helping to maintain security in a small sliver of the war-torn nation.

Members of the 1st Battalion, 185th Armor Regiment arrived in Iraq and assumed security operations in an area 150 miles south of Baghdad. As part of their security plan, they are working on civil-military operations that help locals stay peaceful by rebuilding their communities.

"These folks are pretty coalition friendly, which lets us get our projects off the ground quickly," said team leader Capt. Scott R. Moreland. "That's why it's remained peaceful. We really aggressively pursued civil-military operations as a command-sponsored operation."

The concept is an Army standard. But the soldiers making it happen are unconventional. They normally work with tanks and infantry. It's their backgrounds that made the difference.

"The beauty is we came in with some background," said Sgt. Brian Freeman, an electrical engineer, who previously did project

management in the Air Force. "The only thing that changed for me is the body armor and the scale of the projects."

Also on the team is 1st Lt. Thomas Hernandez, who was in a civil affairs unit as an enlisted soldier, and Capt. Rafael Obieta, a civilian defense contractor for the Air Force.

Using their experience, they built a civil affairs program from scratch.

"We had to kind of create it ourselves," Moreland said.

They started smaller, less expensive projects that would be easier to complete. They rebuilt battered footbridges over canals that saved locals from walking miles out of their way. Cement water culverts helped farmers with irrigation.

"Our credibility skyrocketed when we initiated our first project in May," said Lt. Col. Jason B. Sayers, the battalion commander. "A lot of grandiose projects are great. But we stick to the basics."

Doing small jobs, the Guard members have completed more than 40 other battalion-size civil-military operations.

The team uses local engineers to plan projects and hires local contractors to build them. They work closely with local leaders to prioritize.

"The bottom line is we're getting the Iraqis involved," Obieta said.

The team of about a dozen people — some doing projects while others conduct security and information gathering — has completed 31 projects and is working on 11 more.

Their success is demonstrated by stability in the region, the Guard members say. Local residents, pleased with their improved communities, chased away insurgents over the summer and provide intelligence, Sayers said. There have been few attacks in the area for months.

"I think our CMO program is a major part of our force protection," Sayers said.

The group's success is filtering to other units with a similar mission. A project database created by Freeman and the team's operating procedures are circulating in other areas where battalions hope to re-create the results.

The team members, despite doing jobs the Army didn't train them for, are rewarded by the results.

"I can go home now and tell my son, here are the good things we did for the people of Iraq," Moreland said. "It's like our own little Peace Corps with guns."

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U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Friday, 1,064 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 809 died as a result of hostile action and 255 died of non-hostile causes. The figures include three military civilians. There was no update provided by the department on Saturday.

The British military has reported 67 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, eight; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; the Netherlands, two; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 926 U.S. military members have died — 700 as a result of hostile action and 226 of non-hostile causes, according to the military's numbers as of Friday.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

- No deaths reported.
- The latest identifications reported by the military:
- No identifications reported.

U.S. working on 200 Iraqi schools

BY WARD SANDERSON

Stars and Stripes

BAGHDAD — American officials say the U.S. Project and Contracting Office is completing renovations on about 200 schools, and it soon plans to begin work on 1,000 more.

They also say the work is being done without swarms of subcontractors — who the Iraqi government claims have contributed to shoddy work in the past.

And it's all working with a minimum investment in security, thanks to low-profile operations.

So far, work has focused on the southern part of the country, but will soon move north. The entire project will cost \$79 million, or about \$35,000 to \$65,000 per school.

A senior U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that Iraq's Ministry of Education and local headmasters decide what the schools need, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers signs off on the quality of the completed work before contractors are paid. Iraqis are doing the on-site work so as not to attract attention, saving money on security costs.

Still, these Iraqis won't be hiring other Iraqi companies, who in turn hire yet others.

"The one thing we focused on is making sure there were not a lot of layers of subcontractors," the U.S. official said during a background briefing Sunday.

Large companies and organizations remain involved at the top level. Work is being managed by groups including KBR, an affiliate of Halliburton, the corporation formerly headed by Vice President Dick Cheney; Washington Group International; U.S. Agency for International Development; and Save the Children.

The oversight and subsequent desire to minimize subcontracting follows complaints by Iraq's Ministry of Education over previous renovations by both nongovernmental organizations and large firms in particular the Bechtel Corp.

A second official, a U.S. consultant involved in the renovations, said some charities abandoned work once Iraq became more dangerous in March. Iraq's criticism of Bechtel has been more generally aimed at the quality of work done.

Bechtel has released a statement denying its work in Iraq. "A number of inaccurate and misleading statements have been made recently regarding Bechtel's work under the U.S.

Agency for International Development (USAID) in Iraq, suggesting that Bechtel has won sweetheart deals, overcharged the federal government, and failed to employ Iraqis," its release read. "These charges simply are not true. ... Bechtel stands proud of the contribution the men and women on the project are making to this critical postwar effort."

U.S. officials said Sunday that Bechtel did "a lot" of good work, but acknowledged that the Iraqi government had complained.

In addition to the U.S. Project and Contracting Office efforts, charities continue to help build the schools — so much so, in fact, that the office has found 60 of the 1,200 schools it originally planned to renovate had already been improved. The Americans are then using their resources to find funding additional schools to work on.

U.S. officials said they are happy for the help, but would like to see a central database so that they know who is doing what work.

"It's a tough one," the consultant said, "because there's no central point of control ... some NGOs just don't want to deal with the U.S. government."

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IN THE WORLD

Egypt bomb confession

TABA, Egypt — A Bedouin tribesman has confessed to selling explosives that might have been used in three car bombings targeting Israeli tourists, and investigators were looking into Palestinian militant involvement, Egyptian security officials said Sunday.

The tribesman said the buyers, whom he couldn't identify, had told him the explosives would be used in the Palestinian territories, an Egyptian investigator said.

"The explosives were sold on the assumption that they were going to be for the Palestinians," the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Three car bombs, each packed with 440 pounds of explosives, exploded Thursday night, one at the Taba Hilton just south of the Egypt-Israel border and two at a town of beach bungalows, Ras Shitan, 35 miles south on the Red Sea.

Egypt put the death toll at 34. Israeli Maj. Gen. Yair Naveh said at the Taba border crossing that 32 bodies had been found, plus 14 body parts that may include the remains of others.

From The Associated Press

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro	\$1.2669
British pound	\$1.83
Japanese yen (Oct. 12)	109.00
South Korean won (Oct. 9)	1,121.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
Canada (Dollar)	1.2520
Denmark (Krone)	6.9172
Egypt (Pound)	6.2352
Euro	\$1.2618
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7824
Hungary (Forint)	260.12
Indonesian Rupiah	62.40
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Japan (Yen)	109.00
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2946
Norway (Krone)	6.7622
Philippines (Peso)	56.32
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Singapore (Dollar)	1.4786
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INTEREST RATES

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Discount rate	2.75
Federal funds market rate	1.75
3-month bill	1.69
90-day bill	1.63

Sources: The Associated Press, Bank of America

Panel to review Afghan election

BY DANIEL COONEY

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — An independent commission will investigate claims by all 15 challengers to interim leader Hamid Karzai that Afghanistan's first direct presidential election was marred by incompetence and fraud, a top official said Sunday.

The move to head off the attack on the vote's legitimacy came as workers began the long process of collecting ballots from Saturday's historic election, in which Karzai was a heavy favorite.

A day after the challengers announced they would boycott the election's outcome, two backed off, saying they wanted a commission to rule on whether the voting was fair and indicating they would accept its decision.

A few hours later, their demands appeared to have been met.

"There is going to be an independent commission made to investigate it," said electoral director Feroz Wardak. "There could

be mistakes; we are just human beings. My colleagues might have made a mistake."

There was no immediate reaction from the challengers, but U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad and other officials were reportedly meeting behind closed doors with many of the candidates.

What was supposed to be a historic day in this war-ravaged nation turned sour hours after voting started when the 15 accused the government and the United Nations of fraud and incompetence over faulty ink used to mark people's thumbs to prevent repeat voting.

The challengers' complaints drew criticism from international electoral observers.

The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe said Sunday the demand to nullify the poll was unjustified. The U.S. International Republican Institute called the ballot "a triumph" and accused the challengers of trying to make up excuses for why they were likely to lose.

Cents and Sensibility
Money tip of the day

Don't cash out 401(k)

CBS MarketWatch

NEW YORK — In today's job market, you're more likely to switch jobs — even careers — over the course of a lifetime, rather than remain at the same workplace until you retire.

When you switch employers, remember to take your 401(k) assets with you — but not in the form of a check.

Young workers in particular are inclined to make the disastrous mistake of cashing out their 401(k) accounts when they switch jobs, according to a study of 160,000 workers by Hewitt Associates, a global consulting firm based in Illinois. Fifty percent of job-switching workers age 20 to 29 cashed out instead of rolling over their money to a new account.

Workers were even more likely to cash out if they had \$5,000 or less in their 401(k).

"Absolutely do not cash out," says Scott Kays, a certified financial planner and founder of Kays Financial Advisory Corporation in Atlanta.

Even cashing out only a portion of your assets when you switch jobs is a bad idea, Kays says — no matter how badly you want to buy a new car, pay off student loans or erase other debts. Considering the income taxes and fees you'll pay for the withdrawal, buying a car for \$20,000 would require you to remove about \$30,000 from your account, he says. That's \$30,000 that won't be accruing earnings toward your retirement.

If you have the choice to roll your money over into an account with your new employer, don't leave it in the account with your old employer. "Once you leave, there are just not any compelling reasons to leave your money there," Kays says.



Afghan election officials carry presidential election ballot boxes to a warehouse Sunday on an Afghan military base in Kabul, Afghanistan. An independent commission will investigate claims made by challengers to interim leader Hamid Karzai that Afghanistan's first direct presidential election was marred by incompetence and fraud.

Mosque bombed

LAHORE, Pakistan — A bombing at a Shiite mosque in the eastern city of Lahore on Sunday killed at least four people and injured others, officials said.

A witness said a man carrying a briefcase tried to enter the Husainia Hall mosque in the ancient walled part of the city during evening prayers but was blocked by security guards. He then detonated a bomb in the briefcase.

The bomb went off at the mosque at 5:40 p.m. after prayers, said Raja Basharat Illahi, the province's law minister. Dozens of people were in the mosque when the blast went off, police said.

Bosnian Serb arrested

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands — The U.S. war crimes tribunal on Sunday took custody of a former senior Bosnian Serb commander accused of genocide for the 1995 mass killing of Muslims in the U.N.-protected zone of Srebrenica.

Ljubisa Beara, who was a colonel and the security chief for the Bosnian Serb army's main staff, is one of the most senior officials to fall into the court's hands in recent years.

He was delivered to the U.N. detention unit near The Hague, following his arrest Saturday in Serbia, tribunal officials said.

Beara, 65, one of seven fugitives sought for the massacre of some 8,000 Muslim men and boys at Srebrenica, faces six counts of genocide, complicity in genocide, murder, persecutions and forced transfers.

Labor leader released

ABUJA, Nigeria — Security forces released the head of Nigeria's main labor organization on Sunday after a brief detention, but a nationwide strike will go ahead as planned, a spokesman for the labor group said.

Adams Oshiomhole, president of the Nigeria Labor Congress representing 29 unions, was stopped at Abuja's international airport Saturday as he was waiting for a flight to a southern Nigeria city, the union group said.

Information Minister Chukwumeke Chikelu said Oshiomhole was released after being held briefly.

Owei Lakemka, a spokesman for the labor congress, confirmed the release.

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IN THE STATES

Congress works OT before elections

Senate debates corporate tax bill, approves defense bill in rare weekend session

By ALAN FRAM
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senators turned their attention Sunday to a wide-ranging \$136 billion corporate tax bill as lawmakers whittle down their workload before leaving town for the elections.

In a rare weekend session, the Senate planned to vote on ending procedural roadblocks opponents have used to snarl the tax legislation, which contains breaks for everything from large corporations to importers of Chinese ceiling fans. Supporters of the measure were predicting victory, and final passage was possible later in the day.

"It is unusual to be here on a Sunday, but in order to complete the nation's business we are doing just that," Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist said after the Senate was gavelled to order.

The House adjourned Saturday for the campaigns after approving a trio of bills. They were a \$14.5 billion hurricane and farm disaster package, a \$33 billion bill financing the Department of Homeland Security, and legislation shaping \$447 billion in Pentagon programs for the new budget year.

The Senate approved the defense bill but didn't get to the hurricane or Homeland Security measures.

"FEMA runs out of money tonight," said Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, trying to prod the Senate into action by arguing that the Federal Emergency Management Agency needed cash to continue helping hurricane victims.

But his pleas had little effect. Senators including Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, and Mary Landrieu, D-La., used lengthy speeches to complain about items missing from the tax bill. Those included Food and Drug Administration regulation of tobacco, tax breaks for re-

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Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist



Frist

servists called to active duty and language blocking new Bush administration overtime regulations.

Frist, R-Tenn., planned votes for Monday on ending the delays that have slowed the disaster and Homeland Security bills. He said those votes were needed "because of the obstacles that has played out over the last two days from the other side of the aisle."

The House approved the tax legislation Thursday by 280-141.

The bill would provide \$76.5 billion in tax relief for the country's beleaguered manufacturing sector and other producers including construction companies, architects, engineering firms, film and music companies, and oil and gas concerns.

The bill would also repeal a \$5 billion annual tax break provided to American exporters that was ruled illegal by the World Trade Organization. Ending the tax break is needed to lift retaliatory tariffs that have been imposed on U.S. exports to Europe that now stand at 12 percent and are rising by 1 percentage point a month.

The bill replaces the export tax break with \$136 billion in new tax relief over the next de-

cade for a wide array of groups from small businesses to farmers and fishermen.

On Saturday, the House by 374-0 approved the bill helping hurricane victims and farmers suffering from drought, flood and other emergencies. It included \$11.6 billion for Florida and other storm-struck states and \$2.9 billion for farmers hit by drought and other natural disasters. Some \$6.5 billion was for FEMA

and the air it provides individuals and state and local governments. The measure was attached to a \$10 billion military construction bill.

Other efforts included:

■ The House passed the Homeland Security bill by 368-0. The measure would spend more than President Bush proposed, but provide less than last year for firefighters and other emergency responders.

■ Congress sent Bush a bill shaping \$477 billion in programs for the Pentagon for the new budget year. The measure would let the Air Force buy 100 Boeing 767s for use as midair refueling tankers, but would block a proposal to lease the aircraft.

■ The Senate voted 79-6 for a bill reorganizing the way its committees oversee intelligence agencies.

■ Congress sent Bush a bill increasing access to DNA testing for rape victims and convicted felons.

■ The Senate sent Bush a bill ending the government's guarantee to banks of a 95 percent rate of return on some student loans. The guarantee had meant large profits for lenders at a time of much lower interest rates.



Landrieu



Harkin



Stevens

Task force reviews sex harassment at academies

The Associated Press

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — A government task force is reviewing how the Army and Navy military academies handle sexual assault and harassment reports in the wake of findings that administrators at the Air Force Academy ignored such reports.

The combined military and civilian committee interviewed students and faculty at the Naval Academy in Annapolis and will also review the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. The Washington Post reported on Saturday's editions.

"There is still some element of sexual harassment and sexual violence at the military academies," Navy Vice Adm. Gerald Howing, who heads the committee, told the paper. "And our job is to drive that number down to zero, because our nation deserves it."

"We're going to do everything we can to do that."

The Department of Defense recently began a study of sexual assaults among active-duty service members, the Guard and the Reserve and is considering harsher punishment for sex crimes under military law.

Earlier this month, the Air Force released a report that said sexual assaults at Air Force bases were "harvesting and sowing" widespread than officials first believed.

"Sexual harassment and sexual violence are an anathema to honorable service in our nation," Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said in a statement. "We must ensure that the environment within the department... is not conducive to sexual misconduct."

Hoewing's committee has been tasked with issuing a report to Congress within a year. He said the committee will focus on investigating the overall culture of the academies, gauging attitudes toward sexual harassment and finding ways to prevent future problems.

Hoewing said the committee will also review past incidents, including the case of a Navy midshipman charged last year with raping a 19-year-old female schoolmate. The charges were dropped but the student charged was expelled.

Rare brain disease

ATLANTA — Emory University Hospital has confirmed that a brain surgery patient does not have the human version of mad cow disease, but does have a rare, fatal disorder that resembles it.

The hospital issued an alert more than a week ago saying preliminary tests on the unidentified patient produced a diagnosis of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease. The human form of mad cow disease is called variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob.

Medical Director Robert B. Smith III said it is extremely unlikely other patients would have been exposed to the disease.

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Matthew drenches La.

NEW ORLEANS — Tropical Storm Matthew, the 14th named storm of the 2004 hurricane season, weakened Sunday after moving into southern Louisiana, causing scattered flooding as heavy rain drenched the area.

Elsewhere, the 14th named storm, a "subtropical" system named Nicole, blew gusty wind across Bermuda.

A tropical storm warning along the Gulf of Mexico from the Alabama-Florida state line westward to Intracoastal City, Louisiana, was discontinued when the storm weakened, the National Hurricane Center said in Miami.

Steady rain flooded streets and homes in southeastern Louisiana. No injuries were reported.

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Bush, Kerry in attack mode following debate

BY NEDRA PICKLER
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ELYRIA, Ohio — President Bush and Sen. John Kerry, the animosity stirred by a contentious second debate, lit into each other over Iraq, jobs and debate performance on Saturday in critical battleground states.

Kerry "took the credibility test," Bush asserted, while the Massachusetts senator claimed that the nation's choice "could really not have been more clear than it was last night."

Instant polls did not give either Bush or Kerry a clear edge in Friday's wide-ranging debate in St.

Louis before an audience of uncommitted voters, depicting either a tie or a slight edge for Kerry.

But Republicans were heartened by what they saw as a steady, more focused and aggressive performance by the president than in the first debate, where he displayed bouts of impatience and peevishness.

Bush and Kerry ventured into each other's "must win" states, Bush campaigning in Iowa and Minnesota and Kerry in Ohio and Florida.

Democrat Al Gore won both Minnesota and Iowa in 2000, but polls show the race to be extremely close this year. Bush won Ohio and Florida in 2000, and GOP

strategists are hard pressed to see a Bush victory without carrying those two states, with their combined total of 47 electoral votes.

Both candidates sharply criticized the other's debate performance.

"The reason I think he was making all those scowling faces was because he saw the latest job numbers," Kerry told about 10,000 people at a rally in this northeastern Ohio community. At another point, Kerry joked that he was "a little worried... I thought the president was going to attack (moderator) Charlie Gibson."

Kerry advisers said he plans intense attacks in the coming days over domestic issues, including

Debate word watch

Analysis of the second of three presidential debates by Hamilton-Locke Inc. using WordCruncher, a text analysis tool developed at Brigham Young University.

6,421	TOTAL WORD COUNT	7,781
99	REFERENCES TO DEFENSE	86
80	THE ECONOMY	85
26	HEALTH CARE	39
2	EDUCATION	26

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job losses, rising health care costs, and stem-cell research, in the run-up to Wednesday's concluding debate in Tempe, Ariz.

In Davie, Fla., Kerry criticized Bush for saying in the debate that he won't allow prescription imports from Canada.

Satellite radio taking off with Sirius, XM signing shock jocks

BY LARRY MCSHANE
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — When shock jocks Opie and Anthony considered their next career move after two firings in four years, the twisted twosome was ready to feign rehabilitation.

Or at least that was the plan when they sat down with satellite radio executives. "We were trying to convince them that we're reformed now, we've learned our lesson," recalled Greg "Opie" Hughes, one-half of the deposed radio ratings juggernaut.

"And we heard over and over again, 'Guys, you go crazy. Do whatever you want in there.'"

Welcome to the future of American radio.

ORA — as they're known to a legion of

loyal fans — debuted last week on XM Satellite Radio, bringing their slice of boys' locker room life to every market from coast to coast.

The industry's other big player, Sirius Satellite Radio, then announced a staggering \$500 million deal with self-proclaimed "King of All Media" Howard Stern.

If satellite radio was off a lot of listeners' radar before last week, it now looms as large as a as the antenna atop the Empire State Building.

Expect more and more big-name defec-

tions from the AM and FM dials if the current Federal Communications Commission crackdown on content continues, one industry expert predicts.

"The ancient regulations that the FCC is imposing on terrestrial radio are out of step with reality, and definitely striking a blow against AM and FM radio's ability to remain culturally pertinent," said Michael Harrison, founder of the trade publication Talkers magazine.

Translation: the post-Jane Jackson broadcasting world, with its increased government scrutiny and million-dollar fines for ill-defined indecency, is the best recruiting tool for satellite radio since beginning broadcasting three years ago.

Both Stern and XM's new headline-making duo rejected lucrative offers to remain on traditional radio.

And both cited constant censorship, from their employers and the FCC, for driving them off.

"I'm going because I choose to, not because I was forced out," Stern said after announcing his January 2006 switch to his 12 million daily listeners.

"They've tuned radio's biggest star to satellite. It's attractive now to do satellite."

Even Hughes and partner Anthony Cumia, who loathe Stern after a lengthy on-air feud, agreed his decision lent more legitimacy to a business that could use the attention.

Sirius has lost an estimated \$1 billion since its launch.

"It's a spotlight on satellite radio," said Cumia after the pair finished their first week of shows. "Just because personally he's an (expletive) doesn't mean he isn't a huge radio star."

Former Douglas Aircraft official dies at age 87

LOS ANGELES — Donald W. Douglas Jr., who as president of Douglas Aircraft Co. introduced the DC-8 airliner and brought the aircraft manufacturer into the jet age, has died. He was 87.

Douglas, the son of famed aircraft designer and Douglas Aircraft founder Donald Douglas, died Oct. 3, according to the company's Web site.

Douglas died at Menifree Valley Medical Center, the Los Angeles Times reported in Saturday's editions. He had been in declining health since suffering a fall two months ago, the paper reported.

Douglas was named president of the company in 1957, a year before the DC-8 was introduced. A decade later, the financially ailing company merged with McDonnell Aircraft, which merged with Boeing in 1997.

Douglas started with his father's company in 1939 as an engineer. In 1943 he became manager of flight testing, overseeing the creation of such warplanes as the C-54 transport plane.

Douglas later was appointed director of the testing division and under his direction the DC-6 and DC-7 airliners were certified. They became the most successful propeller-driven passenger aircraft ever made.

Man gets life sentence in murder-for-hire attempt

HUNTSVILLE, Texas — A man already imprisoned for his role in a 1973 shooting spree that left three dead was given a life sentence for trying to hire a hit man to kill a prosecutor and former police officer.

Larry Casey, 52, had been serving a 99-year prison sentence for the 1973 crime, but had been scheduled to be released in 2006 after getting good-behavior credit.

A jury convicted him Thursday on two charges of solicitation of capital murder, finding he had tried in December to hire a hit man to kill Harris County Assistant District Attorney Bert Graham and former Houston police officer David Sheetz. Graham originally prosecuted Casey, while Sheetz arrested Casey in 1973 on unrelated charges.

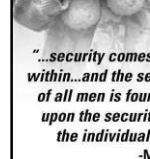
The same jury sentenced Casey to life in prison Friday after hearing testimony from a pair of victims who survived the 1973 shooting spree.

Karen Kurtz, who was 10 at the time of the shooting, testified that she was walking home with her sister and a friend when Casey pulled up and put a gun out of the car window. After asking Casey if it was a toy gun, Kurtz was shot.

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—M. Hall

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Paperwork dos

Keeping estate files organized will reduce stress for families

"Susie Besaw, from the book 'The Savvy Sailor's Spouse,' is new to the military lifestyle but is eager to learn more about how to manage her family and her new command. Last week Cmdr. Brown talked about estate planning."

After we returned from the break, the commander continued, "Tonight we have talked about the importance of having your personal property and paperwork organized and the need to have a will, durable power of attorney and medical directive. Now, let's talk about the specific duties of an executor during the probate process and then discussed each item."

"Your family may hire an estate lawyer to be your executor or to help your estate. Even if a lawyer does the work, your family will still need to be kept informed so everything is done properly."

"Do your homework now so your loved ones can focus on recovering from your loss rather than organizing all your stuff."

"What about figuring out all your government death benefits in advance?" a petty officer asked. "Can you be more specific?"

"Yes," Brown replied. "There are several things you can do now to help your executor claim your family's government death benefits."

He gave another stack of papers to the front row of the class to pass back.

"As you can see, it takes a tre-

mendous amount of effort to claim your government benefits after you die. That is why it is important to organize as much as you can now—especially where your family will live once you are gone.

"Find out now who to call at the VA, Social Security offices, DFAS and Tricare for your government benefits. Thinking ahead is important to give your family that extra sense of security."

"That's about all I have. Any questions?"

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Ralph Nelson

Everyone was silent for several seconds.

Evelyn stood up and said, "Thank you, Commander. That was excellent."

Everyone began to applaud. The commander nodded in appreciation and then walked out after gathering his notes.

Evelyn completed the agenda for the meeting with her normal efficiency. I didn't stay too long to socialize. I wanted to go home and talk to Jake about all these benefits and required paperwork.

It was clear we had to be prepared if something went wrong. Next week Susie learns about Tricare.

Copies of Ralph Nelson's books — "The Savvy Sailor" and "The Savvy Naval Officer" — can be purchased by writing to: Master Plan Inc., 500 N. Washington St., P.O. Box 10071, Rockville, MD 20849 or online at www.savvyonesh.com. This article is written and the book is sold with the understanding that neither the author nor Stars and Stripes are professional financial advisers. If you need advice, please seek professional assistance. The author specifically disclaims any liability, loss or risk — personal or otherwise — incurred as a consequence, directly or indirectly, of using or applying any of the information contained in the article or the book. E-mail for feedback: finance@stripes.osd.mil

What you can do now to minimize the stress on your executor after you're gone

What executor has to do for the probate process

Before probate process

Support family members, dependent children
Protect and preserve estate assets
Arranging the funeral
Notify relatives and friends

Probating will

File will with county probate court
Executor validated and appointed

Assembling the estate property

Locate key paperwork
Review safe deposit box
Claim life insurance and government benefits

Managing the estate

Open estate checking account
Move all bank and investment accounts
Value of all estate assets at time of death
Manage or sell any businesses

Payment of debts and taxes

Move all bank and investment accounts
Pay debts and other claims
File final tax returns and pay taxes due

Distribute the remaining estate

Prepare accounting for the probate court
Distribute the assets and order receipts
Discharge from the court

And what you can do to help your executor now

Pick successive guardians for your children
Label keys to cars and homes
Spell out your specific funeral wishes
Make a list of who should be notified

Let executor know location of original will
Properly witnessed will, successive executors

Personal property, paperwork binders
Make list of contents and give to executor
Figure out in advance and order forms

Maintain organized bank and investment account records
Up-to-date personal property inventory
Write down any business information

Keep list of people you owe anything to
Informize your debts
Walk through final federal and state forms

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What you can do now to minimize the stress on your family after you're gone

Before probate

Funeral/burial/headstone
Death gratuity

Final pay

Social Security lump sum

During probate

Taxes
Life Insurance (SGLI)

Thrift Savings Plan

Post probate

Social Security survivor payments

Dependency indemnity compensation (DIC)
Housing and relocation

VA educational benefits

Health care
Commissary and Exchange

Request information from Department of Veterans Affairs Office.
Review a copy of DD Form 397, Claim Certification and Voucher for Death Gratuity Payment.
Order Defense Finance & Accounting Service forms and find procedures.
Get the phone number for the local Social Security office.

Review excludable death allowances — burial, gratuity and travel.
Confirm proper beneficiary. Get claims form 8283, Claim for Death Benefits (SGLI/VGLI), from Office of Servicemans' Group Life Insurance.
Make sure there is a valid Form TSP-3, Designation of Beneficiary, is on file with the TSP record keeper. Fill out more Form TSP-17.

Order a Social Security benefits statement from www.socialsecurity.gov/mystatement. Review form SVB1.
Get VA Form 21-534 and draft a cover letter to the Department of Veterans Affairs Office serving your area. Find out monthly entitlement. Determine where your family will live if you are not around. Go to the base transportation office for details to move there.
Request information from Department of Veterans Affairs Office serving your area on Dependent's Educational Assistance Program.
Get forms/benefits from your local Tricare office.
You will need life for all family members to use these services.
Request Form DD 1172 from nearest Uniformed Services facility if you don't.

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In Sunday's editions the first page of Your Money was inadvertently omitted from the newspaper and is being printed in today's editions. Please see Sunday's paper for the second page.

On-demand video games: Good idea, bad choices

By MATT SLAGLE

The Associated Press

Internet downloads are nothing new when it comes to buying music and software online.

So why does video game shopping still mostly involve either schlepping to a store or waiting for the delivery truck after you order online? Three companies — Comcast Corp., IGN Entertainment, Inc. and Yahoo Inc. — have apparently heard the impatient gamers who want video games on demand.

If you have a broadband Internet connection and you can tolerate the relatively out-

dated selection, these services pretty much work as advertised. They deliver commercial games directly to your personal computer in a matter of minutes or hours.

For now, only computer games are available, so you can't download new games directly to the PlayStation 2, Xbox or GameCube consoles. And remember, you won't get a printed manual, the box or the CD-ROMs.

I was most impressed with IGN's new "DirectDrive." It's the only service that lets you — gasp! — buy and own the games.

Compared to my local software store, though, these digital aisles were sparse. There were only 31 games to choose from, including the stealthy "Thief: Deadly Shadows" and "Myst III: Exile." Good stuff, but nothing new like "The Sims 2."

At least DirectDrive provides a good overview of the game, complete with screen shots and reviews.

I went ahead and bought the WWII combat flight simulator "IL-2 Sturmovik" for \$19.95.

Don't use this service thinking you'll save money. The price was the same as

Web sites that sell physical copies, and I found it often cheaper on eBay.

After creating an account and entering my credit card info, I had to download a special program manager to securely track my 479-megabyte purchase, which was shipped onto my PC in just over an hour.

Conveniently, it automatically resumed downloading when I had to reboot after a system crash. A few mouse clicks later, I was blasting Nazis from the sky.

Yahoo and Comcast have very similar "On Demand" offerings. Instead of buying, you rent and pay a monthly fee.

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Draft more far than stop loss

I feel almost betrayed that the House of Representatives voted overwhelmingly to defeat a bill reinstituting the draft. I will complete my second tour in Iraq in February, and my unit is already scheduled for its third tour in November 2005. I am not complaining, but as I look toward my ETS date of January 2006, I stand absolutely convinced that I will be stop-lossed and forced to return to Iraq.

Why should the civilian population of our country be protected from forced service, while our soldiers are not? Stop loss is a de facto draft that forces military personnel, ones who have already fulfilled their obligations, to remain in the military for extended periods of time. If our military is spread to the point where it needs to extend the enlistments of our soldiers in order to fill the manpower requirements of its obligations, then couldn't it be said that the military is undermanned?

Some say that freedom is not free, but many young people in America today are sure getting it at wholesale prices.

Why is it that only a select group of patriotic Americans has the burden of defending our entire nation? How can people support the war, and not a draft? War is OK, so long as their children are not the ones fighting it. I know that hanging out, listening to Dr. Dre and partying are very important activities, but isn't the defense of our nation also important?

If we as a nation are truly committed to war on terrorism, then we must inevitably face the fact that our nation's freedom sometimes, God forbid, requires sacrifice.

David M. Ebert
 Camp Anacosta, Iraq

Drinking it all in

I commend Sgt. Dale Rogers for his entrepreneurship and ingenuity in starting his Web site, described in the Oct. 4 article by Seth Robson, "Legal buzz kills 'beer for soldiers' Internet site." However, the funds generated from this Web site did not buy beer for everyone in the Army; I believe just Sgt. Rogers and his buddies benefited.

Although, probably unintentional, the proceeds are exclusive and do not benefit all the soldiers serving our great nation. However, if the funds generated were donated to Morale, Welfare and Recreation or nonappropriated funds, they could benefit all of our "great Americans" serving overseas.

If nothing else, perhaps the funds can go to the Family Readiness Group in the rear detachment to throw a big party for our returning heroes. The FRG can also use the funds to offset costs for R&R transportation or to pay for a huge social event like a ball to really lift morale. Then Sgt. Rodgers, his buddies and all the patriots in his unit can have the welcome they deserve.

Deborah Norton, Texas

Right time for Round 5 of base closings

By DALE McFEATHERS
 Scripts Howard

Despite four previous rounds of military base closings, the Defense Department still estimates it has 20 percent to 25 percent excess capacity. But base closings are tricky politically and lawmakers hate to do it.

That's why it's an act of some statesmanship that the House moved on putting the final touches on a defense bill, to drop a provision it adopted in May postponing a scheduled round of base closings from next year to 2007.

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Let's give the "legal folks" a break. I've sat in on a military trial and I've seen how hard our JAG Corps personnel work in trying to keep us out of trouble.

I'm prior-service, and the 2nd Infantry Division was my first duty assignment when I was enlisted. I can understand why Sgt. Rogers wanted more beer and I wish all of them safe return. I'll keep them in my prayers.

Capt. Ralph Ray Stanton Jr.
 Würzburg, Germany

Give credit to all units

I am the wife of a Texas National Guardsman with 186th Transportation Company based out of El Paso, Texas, and the mother of a soldier with Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 1st Squadron, 7th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division from Fort Hood, Texas. I have two concerns. One is my husband being a National Guard. I don't see his unit mentioned anywhere giving it recognition for the work the soldiers do. Even though they are based in Kuwait City, they transport anything from A to Z throughout Iraq and have driven 1 million miles in five months, more than the unit they replaced. My husband's unit has been there since Feb. 14.

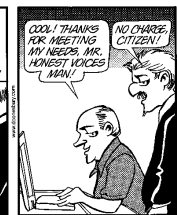
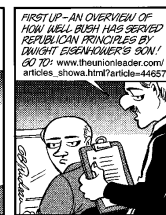
When my husband came home for rest and recuperation, he brought back at least 30 Stars and Stripes and it's very rare you see anything about Reserve or National Guard even though they are still active and deserve to get credit. Don't you think it's a real morale letdown when they read about another transportation companies while they get no credit? Their job is just as dangerous as the others.

And in regards to my son, I commend the military and the U.S. government for the good will they have been doing, but I think if the children don't appreciate the toys that are given to them, then the soldiers shouldn't get them anymore. My son had a big rock thrown at his face after he gave a toy to a child.

Deborah Norton, Texas

Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



OPINION

Bush's goals for Iraq grow more ambitious

BY JOHN HALL
Media General

Vice President Dick Cheney complained during last week's debate that Iraq's forces were not getting as much credit as American troops for casualties in the Iraq war. He grew irritated, almost indignant, when his opponent, Sen. John Edwards, said U.S. forces were bearing 90 percent of coalition fatalities.

Iraqi security forces "have suffered casualties, as well as the allies," and when you include them, "the 90 percent figure is just dead wrong," said Cheney. "... So your facts are just wrong, senator."

Cheney said the real figure is that Iraqis "have taken almost 50 percent of the casualties in operations in Iraq." That, he said, "leaves the U.S. with 50 percent, not 90 percent."

Edwards did not challenge these numbers. Who could? There is no accurate Iraqi body count. A private group has estimated there may be 15,000 civilian dead in Iraq but that is little more than a guess.

The Pentagon keeps detailed U.S. casualty figures. The combat death toll rose above 1,060 last week. But that's only a partial description of the cost of this war on American families and lives.

The Defense Department said 4,194 have been wounded so seriously they could not be returned to duty.

These are heavy losses to achieve freedom for another nation. But President Bush last week, in his Wilkes-Barre, Pa., speech, escalated the mission another notch by declaring that Iraq should become not only a "free society at the heart of the Middle

East," but an ally in the war on terror and "a model of hopeful reform in a region that needs hopeful reform." If Iraq can be free, he said, "every free nation will be more secure."

Those were not the goals he originally set. Going into the invasion, the objective was more limited and specific: to disarm Iraq and rid it of weapons of mass destruction. But last week, a final report from Bush's own disarmament inspectors confirmed that there were no such weapons.

Nonetheless, Bush and Cheney said that finding no weapons made no difference. Saddam Hussein was a state sponsor of terror who eventually would have acquired unconventional weapons, they predicted.

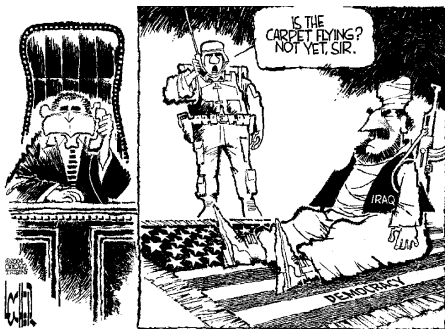
With an active terrorist insurgency and rockets falling on a Baghdad hotel last week, it is hard to see how Iraq will become a model to the Arab and Muslim world in the near future.

And for U.S. military services, the model is beginning to look a lot like the "falling domino" theory of the Vietnam War, in which some American officials felt U.S. forces needed to make a stand to stop the spread of communism throughout Southeast Asia and into the Pacific. Freedom modeling sounds bothersome.

"The Iraqi people need to know that America will not cut and run when their freedom is at stake," said Bush, charging that Kerry would do just that. Kerry denied vociferously that he would leave Iraq in the lurch.

The debate is just high-stakes politics. But on another level, there is some real confusion about the goal and timetable in Iraq.

None of it seems to square with recent hints that U.S. troops can leave in a year or



so, even if the security situation remains problematic.

A decade or more of hard slogging by coalition forces could be needed to achieve the kind of peace and quiet for Iraq to be a true model democracy.

From the beginning, well before 9/11, Cheney and his neoconservatives seemed eager to risk American forces to topple Saddam in pursuit of "regime change." But the Iraqis inside and out who were said to be ready to fight to get their country back never

seemed to materialize.

American troops who were killed in Iraq and those who came back broken and maimed gave a lot and are heroes. This country has suffered from this war.

Iraq has suffered, too. And large numbers of its security forces have died, some of them heroically and some while standing in line to sign up as soldiers. Their blood is the same color. Their families grieve just as mightily. But it is, after all, their country.

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On Election Day, twice is nice — for the sacrifice

BY GEORGE J. BRYJAK

THE history of voting rights in the United States has been one of increasing participation. In 1776, suffrage was overwhelmingly the privilege of property-owning, white Protestant males over 21. Over the next two centuries African-Americans (1870), women (1920), all American Indians (1948) and 18-year-olds (1971) won the right to cast ballots. It's time for the next step in the evolution of voting rights in this country: The U.S. Constitution should be amended to give active military personnel and veterans an additional vote. That is, they should be permitted two ballots each in local, state and federal elections.

The precedent for a "weighted" electorate already exists. As consequence of laws in 48 states and the District of Columbia, 47 million current and former convicted felons (1 in 43 adults) have lost the right to vote, in some instances for life.

If we disenfranchise a category of citizens because their behavior has undermined the well-being of society, it makes equal sense to reward those individuals whose conduct insures the safety and security of the nation. Military service is ultimately about killing and dying for one's country. Killing (even a hated enemy) does not come easily to many individuals, and nobody wants to die on a distant battlefield.

During peacetime, thousands of military personnel are injured every year, and many more lose their lives via training accidents. Members of the armed forces are separated from family and friends for extended periods of time and must place jobs, careers and education on hold for years while they serve.

Individuals who voluntarily place themselves in harm's way for their country

should have a greater voice in how that country is governed. Politicians would pay particular attention to veterans — as well they should — to gain support of a large and particularly influential group of voters.

No doubt many will cry "foul" at such a proposal, viewing it as radical departure from an ethic of political fairness and equality. Unfortunately, the reality that each citizen, regardless of his or her station in life, has an equal impact on government is long gone — if, in fact, it ever existed. Only the most naive individual fails to understand that corporations and a plethora of special-interest groups (by way of campaign contributions) have a monumentally disproportionate impact on elected officials at all levels of government.

It's time to even out the top-heavy, political decision-making process in this coun-

try. How can a people who sheepishly accept a "corporate democracy" object to increased political input from the mostly working and lower middle-class individuals who comprise the American military?

From its inception, this nation has espoused ideal values of freedom, equality and fairness. However, the reality of our history has been a struggle by women, people of color and other minorities to realize these values. As we move toward a more equitable and just society, "life chances" who become more a function of individual ability and less a matter of skin color, gender and other inherited characteristics. However, as long as we have an armed forces consisting of volunteers, "death chances" will never be fair and equitable.

A completely just and equitable society would adopt a system of compulsory military service wherein every citizen, male

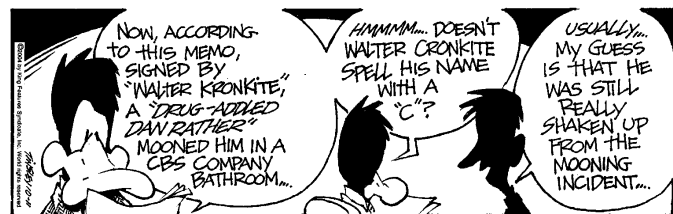
and female, rich and poor, would have an equal opportunity to kill and die for his or her flag. In the United States, the idea of universal military participation is highly unpopular with both liberals and conservatives. As this aversion to compulsory service is unlikely to change, the nation always will be composed of those who are willing to make the ultimate sacrifice for their country and those who are not.

Politicians of every stripe — especially in times of conflict — never tire of stating that the armed forces represent the nation's best and bravest men and women. If they truly believe what they say, it's time for them to act on these convictions. Congress should commence discussions immediately toward amending the Constitution to grant current and former service personnel additional voting rights.

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Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



AFTRS Television Schedule

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2004

(AFN-FAMILY)	(AFN-MOVIE)	(AFN-EUROPE)	(AFN-KOREA)	(AFN-NEWS)	(AFN-SPORTS)	(SPECTRUM)	(AFN-PACIFIC)
9:00 Scooby-Doo and the Legend of the Vampire	Movie "Before He Wakes" (1998) Jimmy Smith, Diana Scarwid. A woman is willing to kill to preserve her rich lifestyle.	Dr. Phil	Dragonfly TV	The Bellway Boys	SportsCenter	30 Minute Meals	Dragonfly TV
9:30			Mary-Kate and Ashley	For News Watch	MLB Baseball Division Series - Teams TBA. If necessary, alternate prime-time lineup: "Trading Spouses" and local programming. (Taped)	Paula's Home Cooking	Kim Possible "Number One"
10:00	10:00 SpongeBob SquarePants	Opah Winfrey	Headline News	Headline News		ESNews	Headline News
10:30	10:30 ChalkZone River adventures	Golding Light	ESNews	Datinine NBC		The Soup	AFN Evening News
11:00	Movie *** "Three Days of the Condor" (1975, Suspense) Robert Redford, Faye Dunaway, Cliff Robertson.	General Hospital	Advisory Block	Next at CNN		The King of Queens	80 Minutes
11:30	11:30 Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius	Judge Judy	80 Minutes			Girlfriends "80's Style"	
12:00	12:00 All That	Today The science of fat, Harvey Mackay.	Cold Case "Maternal Instincts"	Good Morning America		Charmed "Eight Unseen"	Cold Case "Maternal Instincts"
13:00	13:00 Horrible Histories	Today The science of fat, Harvey Mackay.	24 Day "3:11:00PM - 12:00 Midday"			Any Day Now "Heads or tails"	24 Day "3:11:00PM - 12:00 Midday"
13:30	Movie "Sabrina Goes to Rome" (1996, Fantasy) Milla Jovovich, John Turturro.	Access Hollywood	Headline News	Headline News		Law & Order "Survivor"	Access Hollywood
14:00	Movie *** "Dangerous Liaisons" (1988, Drama) John Malkovich, Glenn Close. Bored lovers engage in decadent games of seduction.	Entertainment Tonight	Headline News	Headline News		The Simpsons	Headline News
14:30	14:30 Funniest Home Videos	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		Everybody Loves Raymond	The Late Show
15:00	15:00 Full House "Granny Tanny"	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		For Love or Money "Fifteen women compete with a bachelor or \$1 million at stake."	Dennis Miller
15:30	15:30 Pokemon	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		American Chopper "POWIMA 1"	Countdown With Keith Obermann
16:00	16:00 Yu-Gi-Oh!	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		Friends	The Hot List
17:00	17:00 The Arnold	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		Seinfeld "The Big Salad"	Headline News
17:30	17:30 Rocket Power	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		Seinfeld "The Secretary"	Today The science of fat, Harvey Mackay.
18:00	18:00 SpongeBob SquarePants	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		Blind Date	
18:30	18:30 Rugrats	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News			
19:00	19:00 Lizzie McGuire	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News			
19:30	19:30 Tina "Charmed Braclet"	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News			
20:00	20:00 Smallville "Craving"	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News			
20:30	20:30 Boy Meets World	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News			
21:00	21:00 Boy Meets World	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News			
21:30	21:30 The Cosby Show	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News			
22:00	22:00 Home Improvement	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News			
23:00	23:00 Touched by an Angel "Jacob's Ladder"	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News			
23:30	23:30	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News			

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2004

00:00 The Arnold	11:00 Movie *** "The Fighting Seabees" (1944)	11:30 Late Show	11:30 Today The science of fat, Harvey Mackay.	Headline News	12:00 MLB Baseball Division Series - Teams TBA. (Live)	12:00 Live With Conan O'Brien	11:00 Today The science of fat, Harvey Mackay.
00:30 Rocket Power	ABC World News Tonight	Access Hollywood	NBC Nightly News	NBC Nightly News	4 Ours	For Love or Money "Fifteen women compete with a bachelor or \$1 million at stake."	Seaside Street (E)
1:00 SpongeBob SquarePants	Movie *** "Rising Sun" (1993, Drama) Sean Connery. Detectives investigate a murder at a Japanese corporation.	NFL Films Presents	CBS Evening News	Countdown With Keith Obermann	MLB Baseball Playoffs (Live)	American Chopper "POWIMA 1"	Dr. Phil
1:30 Rugrats	2:00 Lizzie McGuire	Monday Night Countdown (Live)	Seaside Street (E)	Wheel of Fortune		Friends	Opah Winfrey
2:00 Lizzie McGuire	2:30 Tina "Charmed Braclet"	NFL Football Tennessee Titans at Green Bay Packers. From Lambeau Field in Green Bay, Wis. (Live)	Dr. Phil	Hannity & Colmes		Seinfeld "The Big Salad"	NBC Nightly News
3:00 Smallville "Craving"	Movie *** "Rome Must Die" (2000) Jet Li, Aaliyah. Asian and black gangsters vie for control of prime property.	NFL Football Tennessee Titans at Green Bay Packers. From Lambeau Field in Green Bay, Wis. (Live)	Opah Winfrey	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer		Breathingspace Yoga	Judge Judy
4:00 Boy Meets World	5:00 Sesame Street (E)	Movie *** "Sliding Doors" (1998) Gwyneth Paltrow, John Hannah. A woman's sliding door changes a woman's destiny.	NBC Nightly News	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Caribbean Workout	NBC Nightly News
5:30 Sesame Street (E)	6:00 Barney & Friends (E)	Headline News	Judge Judy	Larry King Live		Body Shaping	Access Hollywood
6:30 Blue's Clues	7:00 Dragon Tales (E)	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		Typical Mary Ellen	Golding Light
7:30 Dragon Tales (E)	8:00 Bob the Builder	Access Hollywood	General Hospital	NewsNight With Aaron Brown	NFL Total Access	The View	General Hospital
8:00 The Wiggles "Family"	8:30 The Explorer	Entertainment Tonight	Larry King Live	BET Nightly News	SportsCenter	Emmerl	Zooomooom!
9:00 Stanley	9:30 Sesame Street (E)	Movie "Sudden Terror: The Jacking of School Bus No. 17" (1999) Mary Walker	Dr. Phil	Twins Smiley		Animanics	Braclet "The Doctor is In"
10:00 Arthur Arthur starts a club.	10:30 Between the Lions (E)	Opah Winfrey	Headline News	Headline News		Best for Less	Jeopardy!
11:00 Sesame Street (E)	11:30 Sesame Street (E)	Golding Light	Headline News	Headline News		Stripped	Headline News
12:00 Dora the Explorer "To Am"	12:30 The Wiggles	General Hospital	Headline News	Headline News		E News	ESNews
13:00 Bob the Builder	13:30 Dragon Tales (E)	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		The King of Queens	NFL Football Tennessee Titans at Green Bay Packers. From Lambeau Field in Green Bay, Wis. (Live)
14:00 Blue's Clues	14:30 Barney & Friends (E)	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		Charmed "Primrose Empath"	Pacific Report
15:00 Funniest Home Videos	15:30 Full House "Star Search"	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		Any Day Now "So This Is Intimacy"	Headline News
16:00 Pokemon	16:30 Yu-Gi-Oh!	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		ER "The Veil"	The Tonight Show
17:00 The Arnold	17:30 Rocket Power	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		Law & Order "Corruption"	Law Show
18:00 SpongeBob SquarePants	18:30 Rugrats	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		The Simpsons	Headline News
19:00 The Proud Family	19:30 The Amanda Show	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		Everybody Loves Raymond "80's Wishes"	The Late Show
20:00 Everwood "The Doctor is In"	20:30 Sister, Sister	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		CST: Crime Scene Investigation	Countdown With Keith Obermann
21:00 Sister, Sister	21:30 Sister, Sister "The Concert"	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		Biography "Emmet Legasse: Ben"	Entertainment Studios.com
22:00 Home Improvement	22:30 Touched by an Angel "Out of the Darkness"	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		Blind Date	Headline News
23:00	23:30	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News			

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Stella McCartney expecting child

Fashion designer Stella McCartney, daughter of former Beatle Paul McCartney and the late Linda McCartney, has announced that she is expecting her first child.

McCartney made the announcement Thursday at the launch of her new spring/summer collection during Paris Fashion Week. A spokesman for the designer confirmed she was 3½ months pregnant.

McCartney, 33, married former publisher Alasdair Willis in August 2003.

The baby will be the third grandchild for the former Beatle. His eldest daughter, Mary, has two sons. His current wife, Heather Mills McCartney, gave birth to a daughter, Beatrice, last year.

Tiger Woods finally confirms nuptials

Tiger Woods finally confirmed Friday what everyone's known for the last three days: He married Swedish model Elin Nordegren in Barbados.

"There certainly has been a lot of speculation about my personal life, which is why Elin and I wanted to confirm that we got married on Tuesday," Woods said on his Web site. "Elin and I celebrated this wonderful occasion with our close friends and family, and we look forward to starting our new life together."

Woods canceled an appearance Sunday in Orlando, Fla., where he was to meet with winners of the Buick Scramble, the world's largest amateur golf event.

Combs to hold auditions for new show

Sean "P. Diddy" Combs is on the prowl for some ladies — who can sing and dance.

On Thursday, he announced dates for an open-call audition for his new MTV series, "Making the Band 3," a reality show about Combs producing an all-girl pop group.

"I want a group of women that can sing like Christina Aguilera and dance like Usher," Combs said.

"I'm looking to create an international supergroup to follow in the footsteps of the Supremes and Destiny's Child."

Combs hosted "Making the Band 2" for three seasons in which he formed a hip-hop group, Da Band, before disbanding them.

Love in court to set new date

A low-key Courtney Love made a brief court appearance and was told to return Oct. 27 for a preliminary hearing to determine if she stands trial for allegedly attacking a woman with a liquor bottle.

Love softly answered "yes" Thursday when asked if she agreed to the next court date.

Love has pleaded not guilty to the felony assault charge and is free on \$150,000 bail. She allegedly attacked the woman at an ex-boyfriend's home in April.



Love

Festival closes season with a profit

The Spoleto Festival USA finished its 2004 season in the black for the first time in eight seasons, festival managing director Nigel Redden said.

The Charleston, S.C., festival closed its books with a \$2.385 surplus in its \$6.8 million budget.

Redden had said earlier the festival was taking a risk by presenting the Chinese opera "The Peony Pavilion" in six three-hour sessions.

"Lucky, The Peony Pavilion" was well-received as was the appearance of Mikhail Baryshnikov," Redden said.

Baryshnikov appeared in the play "The Doctor and the Patient," a new work by Rezo Gabriadze.

The festival also set a new box-office record, selling \$2.5 million worth of tickets, about \$21,000 more than in 2003, Redden said. There were a record 141 events during the 2004 festival, during which nearly 70,000 tickets were sold.

Spoleto Festival USA was founded in 1977 as the American counterpart to a festival held annually in Spoleto, Italy. It fills Charleston's theaters, churches and outdoor spaces with performances of opera, theater, dance and music, as well as the visual arts.

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KATHERINE FREY/The Washington Post

Director Edgar Wright is flanked by Simon Pegg, left, and Nick Frost, who star in "Shaun of the Dead," a film that celebrates zombie movies and, perhaps even more, British pub life. The hit British film is now playing in U.S. theaters.

Zombies with a twist of Monty Python

'Shaun of the Dead' turns horror into parody

BY TERRY LAWSON
Knight Ridder Newspapers

BIRMINGHAM, Mich. — In "Shaun of the Dead," the hit British zombie comedy that opened stateside last month, Nick Frost plays Ed, a slacker with no self-censoring mechanism: He blurts out whatever he thinks without any provocation.

So it's not much of a surprise how he responded when, asked what he and his mates — costar Simon Pegg, who co-wrote the script and plays the title character, and director and co-writer Edgar Wright — thought of Birmingham.

"It's a bit like 'Stepford Wives,' innit?" Frost says.

"Everything a wee bit too perfect." "Well, all we really saw was the theater and the hotel," says Pegg, who as Ed's roommate in "Shaun of the Dead," spends half the movie apologizing for him. "I'm sure an initial observation doesn't tell the whole story."

The same might be said of "Shaun of the Dead," a parody of the classic zombie movie "Dawn of the Dead," which on one level is itself a parody of consumer culture.

Coming after the zombie film "28 Days Later" and the remake of George Romero's "Dawn of the Dead," "Shaun" could be perceived as a cash-in instead of what Britain's *Uncut* magazine called "the funniest British comedy since the Pythons packed it in."

"Yeah, we did really well with it back home," Frost says. "We even beat Jesus on Easter Sunday."

(What Frost means to say is that it fared better on Easter weekend than Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the

Christ.") Though Frost, Pegg and Wright are happy to acknowledge that their movie was influenced by Monty Python's movie parodies, as well as a lot of English TV shows (including "The Office," which has two cast members in "Shaun"), it was not a byproduct of the surprise success of "28 Days Later."

"We had finished the script and were ready to shoot long before we had heard of that movie," Pegg says. "Our financing fell through, so it took awhile to get that back together, and when we heard about '28 Days' our hearts sort of sank. But as it turned out, it may have ended up making people more receptive to the idea."

"Yeah," Frost says. "Zombies are in again."

Wright's point of view is this: "Shaun of the Dead" may feature a bit of flesh eating and brain splattering — and it respects zombie lore in insisting they can only be eradicated with a bullet to the head — but at its heart, the movie is an old-fashioned romantic comedy.

"A bit like 'Sleepless in Seattle,' really," says Pegg, straight-faced.

"More 'Notting Hill,' since it's British, only with more viscera," Frost says.

Shaun is a 29-year-old who lives with a more motivated and uptight roommate David, while Ed is essentially a squatter, avoiding rent and his portion of the bills, much to David's disgust. He orders Shaun to give him the boot.

But it's Shaun who gets the boot from girlfriend Liz (Kate Ashfield). She's decided that both the relationship and Shaun are going nowhere save the local pub, where they spend

most of their time — with Ed. Shaun is so upset with this he fails to notice that a zombie plague has infected London, and that rotting, hungry and resurrected corpses are staggering about on his block. (Anything that resembles news on the telly gets snuffed right over, of course.)

When reality finally invades his back yard, however, Shaun rises to the occasion, using the pub as HQ as he plots a way to rescue Liz and his dear old Mum (Penelope Wilton).

"The trick was to maintain a real zombie threat with having a laugh at what you Yanks call 'English reserve,' but which is actually more self-absorption," Pegg says. "I mean, we all love the original 'Dawn of the Dead,' and that's satire, but it's also terrifically scary."

Pegg and Wright made a list of rules that could not be violated, headed by the dictate that the zombies were not in on the joke. "They have zero sense of humor," Wright says. "They're dead, after all, that would take the fun out of it, I'd think."

When "Shaun" wrapped, Frost surprised himself by winning a lot in Woody Allen's upcoming and as-yet-untitled comedy.

In the wake of the British success of "Shaun," the trio is also planning to re-group for another comedy, which movie-fanatic Wright says will be a send-up of cop dramas, set in a rural England with pagan undertones, a la the cult hit "The Wicker Man." To prepare, Wright is forcing Pegg and Frost to endure nightly DVD screenings of films he thinks will be helpful, including the original "Walking Tall."

"Bloody awful, that movie," Pegg says.

"Yeah," Wright adds, "we all loved it."

Golfing snake

HI KAHULUI — A 4-foot snake believed to be a ball python was captured on the golf course at Mahealani Resort on Maui, state wildlife officials said.

Deborah Ward, a spokeswoman for the state Department of Natural Resources, said the 8-pound snake was captured after a golf course pro-shop employee spotted it and called police, who notified wildlife officials.

It's unknown how the python snake arrived on Maui. Possessing a snake is illegal in Hawaii and punishable by fines of up to \$200,000 and up to three years in prison.

Ball pythons, which can grow up to six feet long, are common in the pet trade on the mainland. They are native to west-central and west Africa and feed on small mammals and birds.

Charge dismissed

CA LOS ANGELES — A man accused of murder for a fatal auto crash will not be retried on that charge because prosecutors failed to disclose that an expert witness made numerous errors at the police department crime lab, a judge ruled.

The judge said that prosecutors knew Jeff Lowe had incorrectly weighed narcotics in 27 cases but did not tell murder defendant Philip Ray's lawyer.

Rawl was charged in connection with a June 2002 crash that killed one of his passengers. He was convicted of vehicular manslaughter after driving under the influence, but juries in two trials both deadlocked on the murder charge.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Stephen A. Marcus let stand the convictions on the manslaughter and DUI counts and sentenced Rawl to eight years in prison.

New cannon uncovered

NC BEAUFORT — Underwater archaeologists have found another cannon from the wreckage of what they believe was the flagship of the notorious pirate Blackbeard.

Historical records indicate Blackbeard had 40 guns on the French frigate he captured in 1717 and renamed Queen Anne's Revenge. Since 1996, when the wreckage of the ship was discovered in Beaufort Inlet, divers have found 22 at the site.

"We're pretty positive that we have cannon number 23," said project archaeologist Chris Southery.

It is a large cannon that probably shot a 6-pound or 8-pound ball, Southery said. Divers uncovered the cannon while excavating an area of the shipwreck's northwest side where they had not previously dug.

Pesticides not culprit

NY STONY BROOK — Researchers have concluded that pesticides used to prevent the spread of the West Nile virus were not a major factor in the 1999 lobster die-off in Long Island Sound.

Scientists said the deaths were caused by several factors, including warmer-than-usual water, low



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oxygen levels, unhealthy levels of ammonia and hydrogen sulfide, and infectious diseases.

The findings were the result of three years of research by scientists in Long Island and Connecticut, who presented their conclusions at the fourth annual Long Island Sound Lobster Health Symposium at the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

Lobstermen first reported the problem when they found a high number of dead and diseased lobsters in their traps. The die-off rattled the industry, sending 75 percent of full-time lobstermen and New York out of the trade.

Shedding elephant weight

AK ANCHORAGE — Maggie needs to lose some weight, and it isn't easy finding a treadmill to keep up with her 9,000-pound frame.

The Alaska Zoo is building what it believes to be the world's first elephant treadmill as part of plans to enrich the life of its only elephant with better accommodation and activities.

At 9,120 pounds, Maggie could stand to slim down. Zoo officials are talking with engineers and manufacturers about building Maggie her very own exercise equipment.

"Elephants are just like people,



Little raker

One-year-old Kallie Griffin of Gordon, Wis., helps rake a lawn in Solon Springs, Wis.

they will be as lazy as they can be and still eat," said zoo director Tex Edwards.

Designing and building the first elephant treadmill could cost between \$150,000 and \$250,000, Edwards said.

The zoo has talked with mining experts because they know about heavy loads, conveyers and belts.

Grizzly attack

WY JACKSON — Weston Scott crept through the dense forest looking to flush out an elk. He got excited when he heard rustling about 10 feet ahead, in some bushes.

What Scott saw in those first seconds was a bear's head coming right at him. He drew up his rifle but managed only to get a shot off from about his hip before the 600-pound grizzly was on top of him.

It took out four teeth on Scott's lower jaw and a 1-inch portion of jawbone.

Scott later told his wife, Tammy, that he was sure he would die when he saw the bear so close. He told her the bear made no sounds — no grunting or growling.

Officials said the animal was then killed by a hunting companion acting in self-defense.

Fired for E.T. searching

OH COLUMBUS — The search for extraterrestrial life has ended at the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.

The department fired a computer programmer who admitted to using a state-owned computer server to process data for the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence project, run by the University of California at Berkeley.

Charles E. Smith, 63, told administrators he didn't think building the SETI software on the server was much of a problem because he ran the program only on weekends and on weekdays between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m., when the server wasn't being used, according to a disciplinary report.

Department director Tom Hayes disagreed.

"I understand his desire to search for intelligent life in outer space, because obviously he doesn't find it in the mirror in the morning," Hayes said. "I think that people can be comfortable that security has beamed this man out of our building."

Task force criticized

PA PHILADELPHIA — The head of the Philadelphia school district has created a task force of religious leaders to establish closer ties with faith-based groups, a move critics say risks violating the separation between church and state.

Paul Vallas, the district's chief executive officer, said the panel could help with tutoring, mentoring, counseling and organizing faith-based clubs.

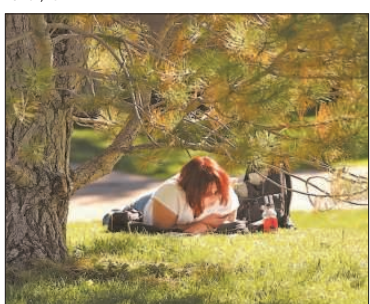
The task force of rabbis, ministers and other clergy could become one of the largest collaborations of its kind, according to national experts.

But opponents say the collaboration is inappropriate and could be illegal.



Fall fisherman

Ken Long of Turners Falls, Mass., fishes from his kayak in the Connecticut River setback in Vernon, Vt.

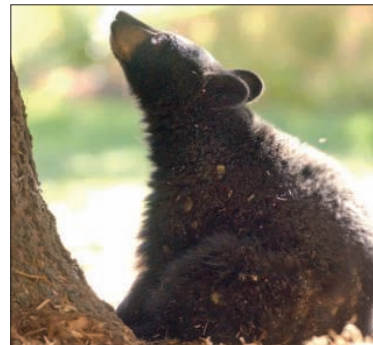


Relaxing study

Rhonda Johnson, a fine arts major at Idaho State University, studies on the quad in Pocatello, Idaho.



Football for women Arizona Cardinals kick returner Josh Scobey, right, helps Kimberly Gallo of Chandler, Ariz., don his uniform as part of a Football Clinic for Women at the team's training facility in Tempe, Ariz.



Where the bear cub roams A black bear cub peers up a pine tree where its mother and sibling sat perched in Bozeman, Mont. The cub ambled around the back yard of a home before heading back up the tree.



Frat games Lee Boyd, left, cheers on "Prairie Dog Runner" during the Outhouse Blowout race in Graves, Ky. The group are members of Phi Kappa Tau at Centre College in Danville, Ky.

Driver gets 15 years

FL PORT LAUDERDALE — A driver who caused a deadly crash after running five stoplights at 70 mph because he was late for work was sentenced to 15 years in prison.

Timothy Bacon, 40, pleaded guilty to vehicular homicide and other charges in a 2003 wreck that killed another driver, William Yates, 62.

Bacon told the judge that he "didn't know what came over" him the day of the crash. A toxicology report showed he had cocaine in his system.

Google solves the case

WA MOXEE — Google, the Internet search engine, has done something that law enforcement officials and their computer tools could not: Identify a man who died in an apparent hit-and-run accident 11 years ago in this small town outside Yakima.

Detective Pat Ditter of the Washington State Patrol searched with Google for about a week before identifying the victim as David Glen Lewis, 39, who died 1,606 miles from his home in Amarillo, Texas.

Lewis had no known ties to central Washington, and his presence in the area is still a mystery, Ditter said.

Ditter said he turned to Google after reading a series of newspaper stories about long-unresolved missing-person cases.

He came across a distinctive pair of glasses in a photograph on the Web sites of the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Doe Network, an international volunteer organization devoted to solving unidentified cases.

Messy money

IA BURLINGTON — A psychiatrist made a stink over paying a parking ticket, using dirty money to cover the fine.

Police say Ronald Preston McPike has been charged with harassment of a public official for smearing excrement on dollar bills used to pay the ticket.

McPike, 52, pleaded not guilty to the charge, a misdemeanor, and was released on \$125 bond pending a Dec. 8 court appearance.

Officers received an envelope in July labeled "Foreign brown substance on bills."

Tests indicated the brown substance was fecal matter and indicated the stain patterns resulted from feces being smeared on the bills.

Arrest in accident

CT HARTFORD — Hartford police arrested a 12-year-old boy on a manslaughter charge, a day after his friend was killed when a screwdriver became lodged in his head. An autopsy determined that Errol Forrest, 12, died of an accidental head injury. But Hartford police said the injury resulted from reckless behavior.

Flower smuggler

FL MIAMI — An orchid dealer was sentenced to a year and five months in federal prison for scheming to smuggle prized tropical lady slipper orchids into the United States.

George W. Norris of Spring, Texas, was also sentenced to two years probation. Co-defendant Manuel Arias Silva, a Peruvian or-

chid grower, pleaded guilty in June and was sentenced in July to a year and nine months in prison.

The Peruvian lady slippers are considered seriously endangered in the wild and are protected by international treaty.

Remains to be reburied

NM LAS CRUCES — An anthropologist sent to survey partially buried ancient remains on federal land determined the bones belonged to a prehistoric American Indian. The bones will be reburied to comply with the Native American Graves Repatriation Act. The Bureau of Land Management wasn't sure which tribe the remains belonged to. A hiker found the remains after a washout.

Animal rescue ploy

OH MASON — An animal rescue group has admitted it created an advertising campaign for a fictitious restaurant serving horse meat to win support for its efforts to save horses from slaughter. Second Chance Horse Rescue ran the ads for the nonexistent Red Derby restaurant in local newspapers and on radio stations in Warren and Hamilton counties.

Trashy Big Apple

NY NEW YORK — New York's trash — 11,000 tons a day — will be hauled out of state on barges under a 20-year plan being proposed by Mayor Michael Bloomberg. The New York Times reported.

The plan would replace the city's current system of carting trash out of the state garbage trucks, a method that critics complain increases traffic congestion and pollution.

New York has been searching for a solution to its trash problems since the closing of the Fresh Kills landfill on Staten Island in 2001.

Judge appointed

OK OKLAHOMA CITY — Tom Colbert, chief judge of the Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals, was appointed as the first black member of the Oklahoma Supreme Court. Gov. Brad Henry appointed Colbert to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Justice Daniel Boudreau. Colbert, 54, has been on the Court of Appeals for almost four years.

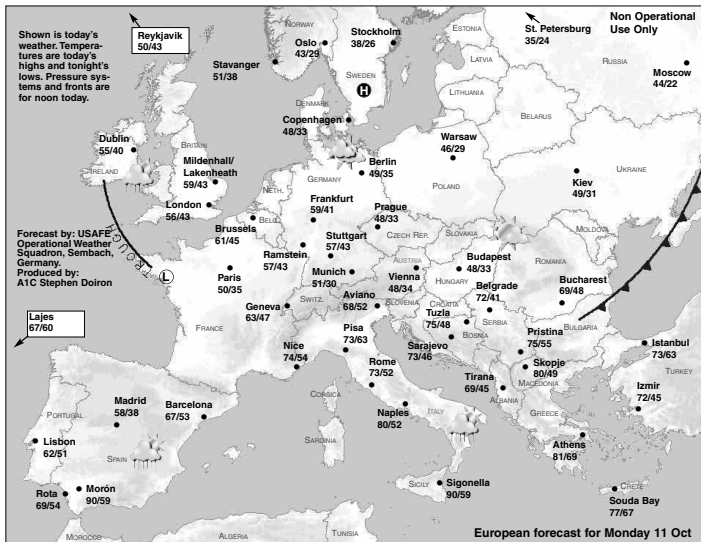
Park to get center

CA LASSEN VOLCANIC NATIONAL PARK — One of the nation's oldest national parks is getting its first visitors' center. Officials of Lassen Volcanic National Park have completed designating the 10,000-square-foot center. The \$10 million construction project will begin next spring and is set for completion in late 2006.

Mass transit incentives

NJ RIVERSIDE — Mortgage giant Fannie Mae has teamed up with NJ Transit to promote homeownership near mass transit in New Jersey. Under the program, anyone buying a home within a half-mile of an NJ Transit train station or within a quarter-mile of a bus stop may be eligible for mortgage assistance and perks from the two agencies.

Stories and photos from wire services



EUROPEAN FORECAST

Benelex: Partly cloudy with gusty winds. Highs in the low 60s, with Tuesday lows in the mid 40s.

Britain/Ireland: Partly to mostly cloudy with isolated rain showers. Highs in the mid to upper 50s, with Tuesday lows in the low 40s.

Croatia and Bosnia: Mostly cloudy with thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s, with Tuesday lows in the upper 40s.

France: Mostly cloudy with isolated rain showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the low 50s to mid 70s, with Tuesday lows in the mid 30s to mid 50s.

Northern Germany: Partly to mostly cloudy with gusty winds. Highs in the upper 40s to upper 50s, with Tuesday lows in the low 40s.

Southern Germany: Mostly cloudy with gusty winds. Highs in the low to upper 50s, with Tuesday lows in the lower 30s to low 40s.

Hungary: Partly cloudy with highs in the upper 40s, with Tuesday lows in the low 30s.

Northern Italy: Mostly cloudy with rain showers and isolated thunderstorms. High temperature will be in the upper 50s to low 70s, with Tuesday lows in the low 50s to low 60s.

Southern Italy: Partly cloudy with isolated rain showers. High temperatures will be in the upper 70s to low 80s, with Tuesday lows in the low 50s to mid 60s.

Kosovo: Partly to mostly cloudy with isolated afternoon thunderstorms. High temperatures in the mid 70s, with Tuesday lows in the low 50s.

Norway: Sunny to partly cloudy with highs in the low 40s to low 50s, with Tuesday lows in the upper 20s to upper 30s.

Portugal, Spain: Partly cloudy with isolated rain showers. Highs in the upper 50s to low 80s, with Tuesday lows in the upper 30s to upper 50s.

Turkey: Partly cloudy. High temperatures will be in the low 70s to low 80s, with Tuesday lows in the mid 40s to low 60s.

For current weather watches, warnings, and 5-day forecasts go to the USAF Operational Weather Squadron home page at:
<https://www.sembach.af.mil>
<http://www.public.sembach.af.mil>

SUN & MOON

	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise (Baghdad)	7:05 AM	7:05 AM
Sunrise (Frankfurt)	7:43 AM	7:44 AM
Sunset (Baghdad)	6:34 PM	6:33 PM
Sunset (Frankfurt)	6:43 PM	6:41 PM

New moon 28 Oct, First 29 Oct, Full moon 30 Oct, Last 3 Nov

KEY:

Sunny, Partly Cloudy, Mostly Cloudy, Cloudy, Showers, Tornadoes, Rain, Rain/Snow, Snow

Cold front, Warm front, Occluded front, Stationary front, Low, High

AFRICA

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Dakar	81	74	Nairobi	84	78
Freeport	87	76	Rabat	73	65
Kinshasa	87	76	Tripoli	82	67

THE WORLD

Amsterdam	HI 50	LO 42	Manila	HI 80	LO 72
Bahrain	85	81	Mexico City	86	76
Beijing	72	52	Montreal	66	42
Bombay	81	64	Norfolk	68	48
Buenos Aires	84	72	Rio de Jan	79	64
Calcutta	84	72	Sofia	72	51
Chengdu	71	45	Sydney	76	54
Hong Kong	79	70	Tokyo	84	70
London	62	51			

TODAY'S STATESIDE OUTLOOK

Alaska	HI 50	LO 42	Colorado Springs	54	39	Rain
Alaska	51	34	Columbia, SC	74	58	CF
Alaska	52	35	Columbus, GA	75	64	Rain
Alaska	53	36	Columbus, MS	68	43	CF
Alaska	54	37	Concord, NH	68	43	CF
Alaska	55	38	Cosmo, VA	68	43	CF
Alaska	56	39	Dallas-Ft Worth	74	54	CF
Alaska	57	40	Dayton Beach	67	43	CF
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MIDWEST

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107	43	Cr	Tulsa	64	60	PCity
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109	72	Cr	Union City	75	63	Rain
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111	82	Cr	W Palm Beach	86	75	Cr
112	83	Cr	Wichita	87	76	Cr
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Horoscope

This Columbus Day, the moon is in Virgo, the sign of taking care of what you've got. Instead of celebrating the spirit of exploration that Columbus represents, our minds are on domestic issues. Taking care of home and hearth are the key to happiness. This requires a bit of elbow grease, by the way. Don't be afraid to jump in and help.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(October 11). Your family grows closer — and perhaps even bigger — in the coming year. Marriages, births, christenings, reunions and big family vacations will prove to be hugely successful for fostering family unity and togetherness. This is an opportune time to review family financial goals and make plans. Lucky love signs are Cancer and Capricorn.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

The best way to show your might is by remaining flexible. Particularly in regard to group activities, a willingness to cooperate and reach a workable compromise serves you better than obstinacy. Gentle persistence wins the day.

TAURUS (April 21-May 20)

When the going gets rough and people start to butt heads, remember that the only power any of us really has is the power to relinquish control. Knowing that you can walk away from the table gives you tremendous leverage.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

Don't believe your eye. Your insecurities may be keeping you from seeing the truth of the situation. In fact, things may be opposite to how they appear. Just because the numbers add up doesn't mean the figures are right.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

The essence of knowledge lies in emotion, not thought. It's not often that your intuition about a person or situation leads you astray, and others rely on your wisdom for guidance. You, too, should believe your higher sense.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Struggle serves a purpose in your life. Without it, you would never fully

realize your potential and do the work you're meant to do in this world. The most amazing breakthrough may come when you're at your lowest point.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You're your own worst critic, Virgo. Nothing you do ever seems to meet your high standards of perfection. Would you be this hard on your friends? Practice being kind to yourself. Practice forgiveness.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

If you're feeling a void in your life, fill it with meaning. Make it your mission to leave this world a better place than it was when you arrived. You don't need to win the Nobel Prize. Just think about what it is you do best, and then, do it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

Be careful what you say. The walls have ears, and speaking badly of someone could land you in some seriously hot water. Resist the urge to join in when your co-workers bash the boss — there may be a mole in your midst.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

There are very few things you really need in life, and there are a great many people in the world who do not have even these. If you're reading this, you are more fortunate than most of the people in the world. Be grateful.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

If you find yourself detaching and pulling back from a person or situation, ask yourself what you're afraid of. It's emotional intimacy you fear? Yes, it's risky being emotionally present. But the rewards are well worth it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)

When you have a sense of purpose and place, everything around you seems to shift. Suddenly, so-called coincidences take on new meaning, and good things flow toward you. Life feels effortless.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

Maybe you don't have the answers because you're asking the wrong questions. Your tired old ways of thinking no longer apply. Throw out your rulebooks. Forget everything you think you know. Focus on what you feel.

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Calvin and Hobbes



Jump Start



Zits



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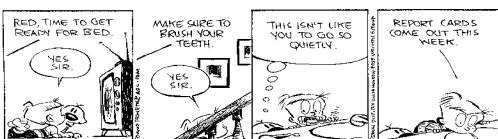
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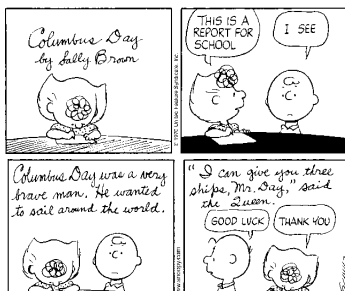
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Better or Worse



Peanuts



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Baby Blues



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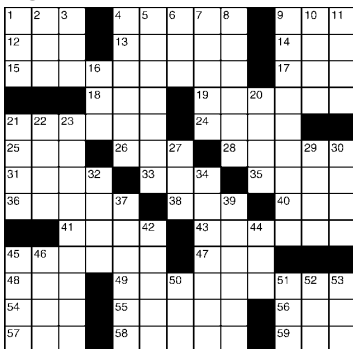
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Eugene Sheffer Crossword



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19 Pledges
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24 Scream
25 Buckeyes' sch.
26 Hideaway
28 Fives one's fate
31 Underwater breathing apparatus
33 Bestow
35 Liberate
36 Windstorms
38 Slight amount
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41 Put together
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47 Topped's interjection
48 Big bother
49 Object of a futile chase
54 Part of UCLA
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10 Naomi's daughter-in-law
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29 "The Ghost and Mrs. —"
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32 Watergate problem
34 Mideastern capital
37 Spit in the food
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45 Head light!
46 Bloodhound's clue
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51 Buy now, pay later
52 Sauce source
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Answer to Previous Puzzle



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CRYPTOQUIP

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: OUR MAIL DELIVERY COMPANY IS ON THE CUTTING EDGE. IT'S ALWAYS PUSHING THE ENVELOPE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals M

In-law has designs for house

Dear Abby: My mother-in-law, "Diana," is a successful interior designer. Her son, "Brent," and I just moved into a new home, and she can't wait to visit. In the past, this has meant days of listening to Diana's endless suggestions about all of the "wonderful things we can do" with "our" new home. Brent is not how it comes to shutting her off.

I'm anxious about Diana's visit because she ignores my hints that she keep her ideas to herself. Am I being mean-spirited? Her ideas are usually not in keeping with our style or budget.

How should we handle it when she offers a house-warming gift — like lawn furniture — and insists on "helping" us pick it out? Diana visits so often that we can't accept something and not use it.

Abby, this has gone on for 13 years. I love her in so many other ways, but this makes me

feel like an ungrateful daughter-in-law. Please help.

Anxious in North Carolina
Dear Anxious: Since Diana is an interior designer by profession, she would be verbalizing her ideas out of force of habit. Once the ideas start flowing, it can be hard to shut off the tap.

Rather than becoming defensive when Diana starts offering suggestions, simply tell her that you will "keep them in mind" or "give them some thought." It's not insulting, nor does it commit you in any way.

If she offers a house-warming gift, remind her that her tastes and yours are not always in sync — and let her know what YOU have in mind. After all, you will have to live with the results.

Dear Abby: Four months ago, my husband sent his 22-year-old daughter a check for a special occasion. She still hasn't cashed

it. She insists if she cashes it, the money will be spent on groceries and rent instead of something special.

My mother always told me it was rude not to cash a check from someone immediately, because otherwise the sender had to deal with it every month when trying to balance his or her checkbook. My husband says I am picking on her. Am I old-fashioned?

— "Wicked" Stepmom
Dear Stepmom: Here in California, if a check isn't cashed within a certain time, it's considered invalid.

However, since your husband has accused you of sniping at his daughter, and he doesn't seem to mind the inconvenience caused by his daughter's outstanding check, it's time to halt the helpful criticism and enjoy your motives.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 60460, Los Angeles, CA 90060. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at: <http://www.uxpress.com/dearabby>
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Dear Abby



Parents must be firm, caring

Dear Annie: My husband and I have a bad situation with our 17-year-old daughter, "Tandy."

Twice in the last few months, Tandy has come home drunk after attending parties. My husband and I think the drinking started at the end of her freshman year. Tandy was a good student. Now she rarely gets above a C.

Tandy has her driver's license, so she can tell me she is going one place and end up at another. After the last episode of drinking, we grounded her and suspended driving privileges for two months, so she is not allowed to leave the house except for school.

Now that she is homebound, Tandy cries that she is going to lose all her friends and that everyone she knows is rotten parents because we keep such close tabs on her. She says she hates me and limits her side of our conversations to monosyllabic responses.

I know we must stand firm with our punishment, but we are afraid

Annie's Mailbox



that we could lose Tandy forever. We are seeking family counseling but want to know what else we should do.

— Trying To Be a Good Parent
Dear Trying: Family counseling is a good start, and yes, your punishment is fair and you should stick to it. It's hardly unusual for teenagers to lash out against their parents, but that doesn't mean you should

have. Tandy is testing your resolve.

The most important thing is to approach any discipline with love and concern instead of anger and punishment. Tandy needs to see in your eyes, and hear in your voice, that she is precious to you.

Dear Annie: A patient of mine sent me your column on statin medications and memory loss. Many people who take statins are in an age group in which memory loss is common. Although

muscle aches are a known and sometimes serious side effect of statins, these medications are not known to cause dementia, and in fact are being looked at as a possible treatment for it.

As a physician, I see hundreds of people whose high levels of cholesterol make them a target for heart attacks or strokes. Many either refuse to take statin medication or stop taking it because they fear possible side effects. Please get out of the medical business.

— Doc in Connecticut
Dear Doc: Part of the purpose of this column is to educate. The vast majority of those with high cholesterol benefit enormously from statins, and there is no question that they save lives. But when readers ask about credible studies linking statin use to muscle and joint pain and memory loss in a small minority of patients, we feel an obligation to print the information.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to annie_mailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 5777 W. Century Blvd., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90045
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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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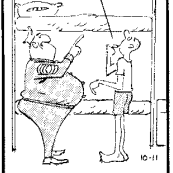
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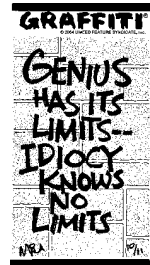
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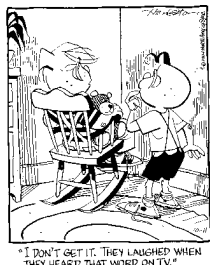
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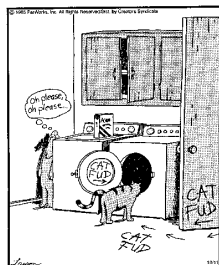


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Packers, Titans out to shake off early troubles

BY ARNIE STAPLETON
The Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Hunking buddies in the offense, Brett Favre and Steve McNair have been looking forward to Monday night's matchup between the Green Bay Packers and Tennessee Titans since the schedule came out.

What the Mississippi neighbors who live five minutes apart figured would be a marquee matchup between two of the league's perennial powers, however, the Green Bay Packers and Tennessee Titans since the schedule came out.

Both teams are a disappointed 1-3 and scrambling to overcome ineffectiveness and injuries.

A bruised sternum landed McNair in the hospital last month and kept him out of last

week's loss at San Diego, but he's expected to play at Lambeau Field.

So is Favre, who is recovering from a mild concussion but is grieving the death of his 24-year-old brother-in-law, who was killed last week when he flipped his all-terrain vehicle on the quarterback's property in Sumrall, Miss.

"It's been a tough week for him," Packers offensive coordinator Tom Roesley said. "Any time you see your leader coming off of a head injury and then all of a sudden he's got this really heaviness on his heart, it's tough to see him like that. But he'll rise, somehow. We know he will."

A lot less certain is whether either team can recover from its early-season follies. Both teams have lost three in a row and re-

alize a 1-4 record could doom them to also-ran status while the season is still young.

"Well, it's not deep enough that we can't climb out of it — but it's pretty close," Favre said. "No one, including myself, thought we would be 1-3. You never know what to expect any given year, but our expectations were a lot higher. And our character obviously will be tested."

The Packers haven't been 1-4 since Lindy Infante's last team went 4-12 in 1991, Green Bay's last losing season. So nobody knows how they would respond to that big of a hole.

The Titans recovered from a 1-4 record two years ago to go 11-5 and reach the AFC championship game.

Still, neither team is accustomed to this kind of futility.

Since 1997, when the Houston Oilers relocated to Nashville and were renamed the Titans, Tennessee has gone 73-43. The only team with a better mark during that span is Green Bay, 76-70.

Injuries are the primary reason for the tumble of both teams.

The Packers have huge holes in both of their lines: 350-pound nose tackle Gary Jackson on defense and Pro Bowl center Mike Flanagan on offense. Jackson is expected back from his knee injury in two weeks, but he's a huge help to a defense that's been gashed through the air and on the ground.

But the savvy, athletic Flanagan, who was the best player on what many considered the best offensive line in football, had season-ending knee surgery last week.

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Hohenfels wins wild game against Vicenza

Stars and Stripes

Jason Parks passed for 234 yards and three touchdowns and rushed for two more scores Saturday as the visiting Hohenfels Tigers edged Vicenza 46-43 in a Division III-C game that saw the lead change hands six times.

Two of Parks' TD passes went to Junior Washington. He had 207 yards in kick returns along with 165 yards on three receptions.

T.J. Peveler ran for a TD, and Tyler Armet returned a pass interception 35 yards for a TD as Hohenfels, 3-1 overall, completed its III-C schedule at 1-1.

Robert O'Doherty passed for 168 yards and four TDs for Vicenza (2-2, 0-1). Two of his scoring passes went to David Gonzalez, who had four catches for 123 yards. Andrew Mayville and Kyle McCann had the other TD receptions.

Eric Lain, who rushed 16 times for 136 yards, and Daryl Alexander both scored TDs for Vicenza, which also scored on a 35-yard field goal by Patrick Bailey. Vicenza closes out its regular season at Ansbach on Saturday in the III-C finale for both teams.

In other games Saturday involving Division III teams:

Bamberg 42, Giessen 0: At Bamberg, Christian Peel ran the opening kickoff back 75 yards for

Local roundup

a touchdown and later kicked three field goals as the Barons blanked the Griffins in a III-D game.

Peel kicked field goals of 22 and 26 yards on first down in the second quarter as the Barons sought vainly to avoid mercy-ruling their guests. Peel's third field goal, a 35-yarder, ended the game at 7:18 of the third period.

Martin Gholston TD'd pass plays of 40 yards in Bamberg's 27-point first period and 48 yards in the second quarter. Both were thrown by Chris Starr.

T'Andre Stuckey and Tim Battles, who rushed eight times for 111 yards, each added running TDs for Bamberg (1-3, 1-1).

Bamberg held Giessen to negative 14 yards of total offense for the game.

Sigmella 29, Alcnbury 0: At Alcnbury, Mike Petty ran for 102 yards and a pair of TDs as the Jaguars rolled to the nonconference victory.

Keenan Jones rushed for 165 yards and a touchdown, and Jade Garth added 86 rushing yards and the other TD for Sigmella, 2-2 overall and 1-0 in III-B.

Defensively, the Jaguars got 13 stops from Larkin Lahr and a pair of interceptions from B.J. Washington.

Local scoreboard

Volleyball

Girls

(Saturday at Alcnbury)
Brussels ed. Iceland 27-25, 25-11, 25-16
Rota ed. Brussels 25-9, 25-12, 25-12

Networthy—Lisa Jacobson had 11 service points and Alina Shapiro 9 for Rota.

Alcnbury ed. Brussels 29-7, 25-8, 25-20

Networthy—For Alcnbury, Carly Bascom posted 13 service points and 13 assists.

Alcnbury ed. Rota 25-12, 25-10, 25-13

Networthy—Carly Bascom chalked up 21 service points and 16 assists. Kristine Fernandez made 11 defensive saves and Rachael Moore 5.

Alcnbury ed. Iceland 25-6, 25-5, 25-14

Networthy—Carly Bascom had 23 service points and 11 assists for unbeaten Alcnbury, which got 5 digs from Kristine Fernandez and 5-for-5 perfect passes from Rachel Moore, according to coach Lisa Westlake.

Boys

(Saturday at Alcnbury)
Alcnbury ed. American Overseas School of Rome 25-23, 25-8, 25-16

Golf

Heidelberg triangler

(Friday; scoring is in miles) Stadelfeld awarded 6 points for eagle or ace, 4 for birdie, 3 for par, 2 for bogey, 1 for double bogey. Team scoring is combined total of top four players, with a maximum of four players are required to qualify for a team score.)

Boys

Team scoring—Wurzberg 152, Wurzberg 140, Vilek 139.

Leading individuals—1. Greg Nyaner (Wzbg) 52, 2. Sara Greenberg (Wzbg) 52, (no) Jonathan Mikkelson (Wzbg) and Bryce Ellis (Wzbg) 50.

High Vilek score—Jesse Sellers, 20.

Longest drive—Nyaner, 210 yards.

Girls

Team scoring—Wurzberg 70, Heidelberg 9, Vilek 139.

Leading individuals—1. Frances Smythe (Wzbg) 32, 2. Sara Greenberg (Wzbg) 32, 3. Katherine Riley (Wzbg) 10.

Longest drive—Smythe, 160 yards.

Closest to the pin—Sabina Perini (Wzbg).

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SCOREBOARD

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Monday

AFN-Sports, 9:30 a.m. - Baseball: NL Division Series, Atlanta at Houston, Game 4.
AFN-Sports, 3 p.m. - Baseball: NL Division Series, James H. Fetters, Jr. vs. TB.
AFN-Sports, 6:30 p.m. - Golf: Las Vegas Invitational, first round (60), or TBD.
AFN-Radio, 10 p.m. - Baseball: NL Division Series game, first round, if necessary.

Tuesday

AFN-Sports, 2 a.m. - Baseball: NL Division Series, James H. Fetters, Jr. vs. TB.
AFN-Atlantic, 3 p.m. - NFL: Tennessee at Green Bay.
AFN-Sports, 3 a.m. - NFL: Tennessee at Green Bay.
AFN-Radio, 5 a.m. - Motorcycle racing: Malaysia GP World Championship, Malaysia (d).
AFN-Sports, 5 a.m. - Outdoors: War-Mart Field (d).
AFN-Pacific, noon - NFL: Tennessee at Green Bay (d).
AFN-Sports, 1:30 p.m. - NFL: Arizona at New York (d).
AFN-Sports, 7 p.m. - NFL: Tennessee at Green Bay.

Wednesday

AFN-Sports, 2 a.m. - Baseball: All-Championship Series, Boston at New York, Game 1.
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Pro football

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
East	W	L	Pct	PP	PA	
New England	3	0	1.000	81	53	
N.Y. Jets	3	0	1.000	82	63	
Carolina	2	0	1.000	87	61	
Miami	0	4	0.000	92	63	
South						
Indianapolis	1	3	.750	124	62	
Jacksonville	1	3	.750	52	61	
Tennessee	1	3	.750	93	83	
North						
Pittsburgh	1	3	.750	78	71	
Cleveland	2	2	.500	89	62	
Dallas	2	1	.667	87	63	
Cincinnati	1	3	.750	66	95	
West						
Denver	3	0	1.000	79	57	
San Diego	2	2	.500	89	62	
Dallas	2	0	1.000	81	84	
Kansas City	1	3	.750	89	61	

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	Pct	PP	PA	
Philadelphia	4	0	1.000	107	61	
N.Y. Giants	3	0	.750	78	68	
Washington	2	1	.667	57	65	
Atlanta	4	0	1.000	88	49	
New Orleans	2	2	.500	80	87	
Carolina	2	1	.667	57	65	
Tampa Bay	0	4	0.000	49	72	
North						
Minnesota	2	1	.667	78	68	
Detroit	2	1	.667	63	63	
Green Bay	1	3	.750	72	94	
West						
Seattle	3	0	1.000	65	83	
St. Louis	2	2	.500	85	16	
Chicago	2	2	.500	59	56	
San Francisco	4	0	1.000	60	109	

Sunday's games

Baseball
 Detroit at Dallas
 Oakland at Indianapolis
 Minnesota at Houston
 Cleveland at Pittsburgh
 Tampa Bay at New Orleans
 Buffalo at N.Y. Jets
 Arizona at San Diego
 St. Louis at Seattle
 Jacksonville at San Francisco
 Carolina at Denver
 Baltimore at Washington
 Open: Cincinnati, Kansas City, Philadelphia, Chicago

Monday's game
 Tennessee at Green Bay
Tuesday, Oct. 17
 Miami at Detroit
 Green Bay at Tennessee
 San Diego at Atlanta
 Washington at Chicago
 San Francisco at N.Y. Jets
 Seattle at New England
 Kansas City at Jacksonville
 Cincinnati at Cleveland
 Carolina at Philadelphia
 Pittsburgh at Dallas
 Denver at Oakland
 Minnesota at New Orleans
 Open: Indianapolis, N.Y. Giants, Baltimore

Monday, Oct. 18

Tampa Bay at St. Louis

Auto racing

Mr. Goodcents 300

NASCAR Busch Series

Saturday

At Kansas Speedway

Kansas City, Mo.

Start length: 15 miles

Top finishers in parentheses

- (19) Joe Nemechek, Chevrolet, 204, 57.285.
- (20) Greg Biffle, Ford, 204, 55.600.
- (21) David Stremme, Dodge, 204, 55.925.
- (14) Ashton Lewis Jr., Chevrolet, 204, 55.925.
- (6) Ron Hornaday Jr., Chevrolet, 204, 54.675.
- (15) J.J. Yeley, Chevrolet, 204, 53.275.
- (20) Jason Keller, Ford, 204, 53.275.
- (25) Casey Mears, Dodge, 204, 53.275.
- (28) Stacy Stampton, Ford, 204, 53.275.
- (20) Wally Dallenbach Jr., Ford, 204, 53.275.
- (13) Mike McLaughlin, Ford, 204, 53.275.
- (12) Michael Waltrip, Chevrolet, 204, 53.275.
- (13) Casey Kasey, Dodge, 204, 53.275.
- (14) Robby Gordon, Dodge, 204, 53.275.
- (15) Kenny Wallace, Chevrolet, 204, 53.275.
- (17) Brandon Miller, Chevrolet, 204, 53.275.
- (17) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 204, 53.275.
- (18) Mike Bliss, Chevrolet, 204, 53.275.
- (20) Robert Pressley, Ford, 204, 53.275.
- (21) Johnny Sauter, Chevrolet, 204, 53.275.
- (22) Casey Atwood, Chevrolet, 204, 53.275.
- (23) Chad Kline, Chevrolet, 204, 53.275.
- (24) Blake Wesley, Chevrolet, 199, 55.815.
- (25) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 198, 55.815.
- (26) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 198, 55.815.
- (27) Travis Gravel, Chevrolet, 198, 55.815.
- (28) Chad Kline, Chevrolet, 198, 55.815.
- (29) Kyle Busch, Chevrolet, 181, 52.985.
- (30) Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet, 162, 51.635.
- (40) Derrick Coe, Ford, 151, electrical, 51.635.
- (32) Clint Bowyer, Chevrolet, 137, accident, 51.635.
- (33) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 108, accident, 51.635.
- (34) Steve Grissom, Chevrolet, 97, engine failure, 51.635.
- (35) Brent Sherman, Dodge, 82, accident, 51.635.
- (38) Tim Timmer, Chevrolet, 80, accident, 51.635.
- (39) Kevin Legare, Chevrolet, 77, engine failure, 51.635.
- (42) Hermie Sadler, Chevrolet, 33, vibration, 51.635.
- (43) Jeff Leary, Chevrolet, 15, suspension, 51.635.

Race Statistics

Total race time: 1:59.44 min.

Total race time: 30 minutes, 15 seconds.

Caution Flags: 8 for 39 laps.

Lead changes: 1 among 9 drivers.

Lap Leaders: P. Menard 9, Gordon 13, K. Busch 34-47, T. Stewart 48-64, M. Truex Jr. 65-79, Sauter 80-97, G. Biffle 145-147, A. Lewis Jr. 148-175, T. Stewart 176-178, 199-204.

Series driver statistics: M. Truex Jr., 42.2; K. Busch, 40.3; G. Biffle, 3.72; L. Jeffery, 3.61; R. Hornaday Jr., 3.5; Ashton Lewis, 3.52; J. Keller, 3.5; T. Stewart, 3.46; M. Bliss, 3.34; A. Lewis Jr., 3.135.

Japanese Grand Prix

Sunday

At Suzuka Circuit

Suzuka, Japan (With driver, time and

Michael Schumacher, Ferrari, 1:31.1

1. Michael Schumacher, Ferrari, 1:31.1

2. Ralf Schumacher, Williams-BMW, 53.1

3. Jenson Button, BAR-Honda, 53.1

4. Takuma Sato, BAR-Honda, 53.124-58.76

5. Fernando Alonso, Renault, 53.1

6. Kimi Raikkonen, McLaren-Mercedes, 53.1250-74.3

7. Juan Pablo Montoya, Williams-BMW, 53.1252-33.2

8. Giancarlo Fisichella, Sauber-Petronas, 53.1253-21.61

9. Felipe Massa, Sauber-Petronas, 53.1255-64.1

10. Jacques Villeneuve, Renault, 53.1256-87.1

11. Jarno Trulli, Toyota, 53.1243-50.56

12. Christian Klien, Jaguar-Cosworth, 53.1250-01.02

13. J.J. Heidefeld, Jordan-Ford, 53.1251-02.1

14. Olivier Panis, Toyota, 53.1243-30.91

15. Timo Glock, Jordan-Ford, 53.1250-89.82

16. Gianmaria Bruni, Minardi-Cosworth, 53.1250-89.82

17. Zsolt Baumgartner, Minardi-Cosworth, 53.1250-89.82

18. David Coulthard, McLaren-Mercedes, 53.1250-89.82

19. Rubens Barrichello, Ferrari, 38.1

20. Mark Webber, Jaguar-Cosworth, 38.1

Drivers Standings

(After 17 of 17 races)

1. Michael Schumacher, 146 points.

2. Rubens Barrichello, 108

3. Jenson Button, 85

4. Juan Pablo Montoya, 48

5. Kimi Raikkonen, 47

6. Jarno Trulli, 46

7. David Coulthard, 24

8. Felipe Massa, 22

9. Ralf Schumacher, 22

10. Mark Webber, 7

11. Christian Klien, 6

12. Antonio Pizzonia, 6

13. Cristiano da Matta, 3

14. Timo Glock, 2

15. Jarno Trulli, 1

Constructors Standings

(After 17 of 17 races)

1. Ferrari, 245 points

2. Renault, 100

3. McLaren-Mercedes, 61

4. Sauber-Petronas, 33

5. Jaguar, 18

6. Jordan-Ford, 5

10. Minardi, 1

NBA preseason

Sunday's games

Golden State at Sacramento

Washington vs. Indiana at Munich, Ind.

Monday's games

Chicago vs. Boston at Manchester, N.H.

Washington vs. Philadelphia at Durham, N.C.

Seattle vs. L.A. Lakers at Anaheim, Calif.

WNBA playoffs

FINALS

(Best-of-three)

Seattle vs. Connecticut

Connecticut 66, Seattle 64, Connecticut leads series 1-0

Sunday, Oct. 10

Connecticut at Seattle, if necessary

Tuesday, Oct. 12

Connecticut at Seattle, if necessary

Pro soccer

Major League Soccer

Eastern Conference

W L T GF GA

x-Colorado 11 10 9 40 39 31

y-D.C. United 12 12 9 40 46

New England 7 13 9 30 40 42

Western Conference

x-Los Angeles 11 13 40 37 30

y-San Jose 10 10 10 39 31

x-Colo 10 10 10 39 31

NOT: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Clayton Kershaw, Los Angeles, 13.1

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Scrappy Vols nip Georgia

Third-ranked 'Dawgs fall short on late drive

BY PAUL NEWBERRY
The Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga. — Tennessee hardly looked like the same team.

Neither did Georgia.

Bouncing back from a dismal loss at home the week before, No. 17 Tennessee got two touchdown passes from freshman Erik Ainge and held on for a 19-14 upset of the third-ranked Bulldogs on Saturday.

The Volunteers (4-1, 2-1 Southeastern Conference) looked terrible in a 34-10 loss to Auburn — especially Ainge, who threw four interceptions and lost a fumble in his first college start.

The freshman was much better in his first college road game, helping end Georgia's 17-game winning streak between the hedges.

"Coach told us there is nothing like going into someone else's house and being able to come into the locker room and sing after the game," said Ainge, who completed 12 of 21 passes for 150 yards and — most importantly — didn't have a turnover.

Georgia (4-1, 2-1) didn't come close to duplicating its previous game, a near-perfect 45-16 rout of defending SEC champion LSU.

Quarterback David Greene struggled against Tennessee's zone coverages and the Bulldogs kept hurting themselves with penalties.

"I can't explain it," said Greene, who threw a "chance" recovery on a 15-yard pass against LSU. "I couldn't explain it last week, and I can't explain it today."

Greene was only 15-for-34 for 163 yards, failing to throw even one TD.

The Vols, 12½-point underdogs, built a quick 10-0 lead and held off the Bulldogs at the end. Georgia squandered a chance to take



Tennessee's Gerald Riggs (31) struggles for extra yardage as Georgia defenders Greg Blue (17), Thomas Davis (10) and Derrick White (53) haul him down in the fourth quarter Saturday. Riggs ran for 102 yards as No. 17 Tennessee surprised unbeaten and No. 3 Georgia 19-14.

control of the SEC East. Georgia, Tennessee and Florida tied for first place last season, with the Bulldogs claiming the spot in the SEC title game because of their higher ranking in the BCS.

"This is a tough loss for us," coach Mark Richt said. "It puts us behind the eight-ball in our division. We've got to keep winning. There's no margin for error."

Driving from its own 11 to the Tennessee 19, Georgia had one shot at the end zone with a second remaining. Appropriately, Greene's pass over the middle didn't come close to connecting with anyone, falling harmlessly to the ground.

Tennessee snapped a four-game losing streak in the series, beating Georgia for the first time since 1999.

"They didn't really say anything this week, but you could tell they didn't have a lot of respect for us," Ainge said.

Undeterred by Ainge's performance against Auburn, coach Phil Fulmer started

him again. The Vols' other freshman quarterback, Brent Schaeffer, played only one series. Tennessee built on a 13-7 lead after stuffing a fake punt by the Bulldogs late in the third quarter. Ainge threw a 4-yard touchdown pass to Chris Hannon that made it 19-7 with 1:04 remaining in the game.

The Bulldogs were their own worst enemy. After getting called for only one penalty against LSU, they were flagged 12 times for 82 yards. The most crucial call came in the second quarter, when Bryan McClendon returned a kickoff to the Tennessee 2, only to have it wiped out by Leonard Pope's holding penalty.

Also, Andy Bailey missed a 29-yard field goal that might have made things easier on the Bulldogs in the final minute.

Georgia made it close when Danny Ware bounced off a tackler to score on fourth-and-goal from the 1 with 4:22 remaining. The defense then forced a punt by twice stuffing Tennessee on short-yardage plays, but it didn't matter.

USC edges Calif.

BY RALPH D. RUSSO
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Southern Cal seemed helpless as Aaron Rodgers picked away at its defense, hitting pass after pass.

But with California just 9 yards from a potential winning score, the Trojans finally found a way to stop the Golden Bears' near-perfect quarterback.

The top-ranked Trojans kept the seventh-ranked Bears out of the end zone after a first-and-goal with less than two minutes left and held on for a 23-17 victory Saturday.

"I was running on empty, our defense was running on empty, but I knew they weren't going to score," Trojans defensive end Shaun Cody said.

USC (5-0, 2-0 Pac-10) extended its winning streak to 14 games and avenged its only loss in the last 26. The Bears' 34-31 triple-overtime victory last season kept the Trojans from claiming an undisputed national title.

Before Cal's final four plays, Rodgers was 29-for-31 for 267 yards and a touchdown.

"It's frustrating as a defense when a guy is on fire like that," Cody said. "You've just got to hold on and try to do something to stop them from the end zone."

That's just what the Trojans did after Rodgers' Cal (3-1, 1-1) to first-and-goal at the 9 with just under two minutes left.

Southern Cal got a sack and forced three incomplete passes.

Rodgers' final throw came with pressure coming and zipped by diving Geoff McArthur in the end zone, sending most of the more than 90,000 at the Los Angeles Coliseum into a frenzy and the Bears home with a hard-fought loss.

Matt Leinart threw two touchdown passes for the Trojans, who failed to get a first down in the fourth quarter.

"Anybody watching this game knows we really dominated the game. We just came up a little short in the score," said Rodgers, who tied an NCAA record by completing his first 23 passes.

It was the first time in 52 years the Golden Bears and Trojans met with both ranked in the top 10, and the much-awaited matchup lived up to the hype.

The teams traded touchdowns to start the third quarter, Leinart hooking up with Dwayne Jarrett on a 16-yard score and Marshawn Lynch plunging in from 2 yards out for Cal to make it 23-17.

Cal dominated the fourth quarter putting together two long drives. The only thing the Bears feared was the clock.

"Bend but don't break, that's what this game became," Trojans coach Pete Carroll said.

Wisconsin feels at home in Ohio Stadium

BY RUSTY MILLER
The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Down 10-0, the Wisconsin Badgers had the Ohio State Buckeyes right where they wanted them.

The defense throttled No. 18 Ohio State and Anthony Davis slashed for 168 yards and a touchdown to lead No. 15 Wisconsin to a 24-13 victory Saturday.

It was Wisconsin's third straight victory on Ohio State's turf, the first time a visitor has done that since Illinois' won four in a row from 1988-94. The Badgers had never before won even twice in a row at Ohio State in a series dating to 1913.

"We've been fortunate and played well," coach Barry Alvarez said. "It's nothing more than that."

Maybe it is. The last two times the Badgers came to town, Ohio

State broke out to a 17-0 lead and ended up losing 42-17 and 20-17. A year ago at Camp Randall Stadium, Matt Schaub hit Lee Evans with a 79-yard pass in the fourth quarter for a 17-10 victory.

"We show a (film) clip on Friday night and I showed the last three wins," Alvarez said. "Our guys are fighters. They're not going to fold their tents because they fell behind."

The loss ended Ohio State's 18-game home winning streak and, on the heels of last week's stunning 33-27 overtime loss to Northwestern, pinned coach Jim Tressel with back-to-back losses for the first time in his 3½ seasons. The Buckeyes (3-2) also dropped to 0-2 in the Big Ten for the first time since 1992.

"All that talent we have out there, we should do more," said Ted Ginn Jr., who scored the Buckeyes' only touchdown on a

65-yard punt return in the first quarter.

Asked if it was difficult playing in the loud and raucous environment at Ohio Stadium, Wisconsin defensive end Erasmus James said simply, "I don't think it's tough."

Wisconsin, 3-0 in the Big Ten, is 6-0 for the first time since 1998. That year the Badgers finished 11-1, shared the Big Ten title and won the Rose Bowl.

Sophomore John Stocco was steady all day for the Badgers, completing 15 of 24 passes for 169 yards and two touchdowns without an interception.

"We didn't start off as well as we would have liked," Stocco said. "But we never quit and we never have. We just kept going, made a few plays and that was it."

He gave the Badgers a 14-7 lead with an 8-yard fade pass to Darrin Charles, then tossed a 10-yard scoring pass — also on a

fade pattern — to Jonathan Orr that capped the scoring. Orr's diving, highlight-reel catch came just three plays after Ohio State's Santonio Holmes muffed a punt, Wisconsin's Scott Starks shoving him aside and then falling on the loose ball at the Ohio State 17 early in the fourth quarter.

Meanwhile, Ohio State's own first-year starter at quarterback, sophomore Justin Zwick, and his ineffective offense were booed loudly by 105,090 partisan fans, the fifth-largest crowd in Ohio Stadium history.

Shortly after the game ended, several players exchanged punches at midfield while coaches and police tried to pull them apart.

The melee lasted for less than a minute, but was representative of the bad blood between the teams in recent years.

College football scoreboard

AP Top 25 fared

How the top 25 teams in the Associated Press' college football poll fared this week: No. 1 Southern Cal (5-0) beat No. 1 California 24-10. No. 19 USC (5-0) beat No. 2 Oklahoma 52-14. No. 2 Oklahoma (5-0) beat No. 1 Texas 13-7. No. 10 Kansas State (5-0) beat No. 11 Tennessee 34-14. No. 12 Vanderbilt (5-0) beat No. 14 Miami (4-1) to not play. Next vs. No. 20 Michigan (5-0) Thursday. No. 15 Texas Tech (5-0) (4-1) lost to No. 2 Oklahoma 12-10. No. 16 USC (5-0) (4-1) beat No. 17 Florida 31-10. No. 18 Alabama (6-0) beat No. 1 Louisiana Tech 52-14. No. 22 UCLA (5-0) beat No. 23 California (3-1) to not play. No. 1 Southern Cal (5-0) vs. UCLA Saturday. No. 6 Florida State (4-1) beat Syracuse 17-10. No. 10 Virginia Tech (5-0) beat No. 9 Purdue (5-0) 34-21. No. 11 Tennessee (5-0) beat No. 12 Wisconsin 35-10. No. 13 Virginia (5-0) beat Clemson 30-10. No. 14 Michigan (5-0) vs. Florida State Saturday. No. 15 Texas Tech (5-0) beat No. 16 West Virginia (4-1) to not play. Next vs. Cincinnati Saturday, Oct. 18. No. 17 Florida (3-2) lost to No. 24 LSU 24-7. No. 18 Alabama (5-0) beat No. 19 Michigan 31-10. No. 19 Michigan (5-0) beat No. 20 Michigan State 21-10. No. 21 Wisconsin (6-0) beat No. 18 Ohio State 34-14. Next at No. 9 Purdue Saturday. No. 16 West Virginia (4-1) did not play. Next at Cincinnati, Wednesday, Oct. 13. No. 17 Florida (3-2) beat No. 21 Michigan State 19-14. Next at Mississippi, Saturday. No. 22 UCLA (5-0) beat No. 23 California 26-13. Next at Iowa Saturday. No. 24 LSU (5-0) beat No. 25 Georgia Tech 20-7. Next vs. N.C. State Saturday. No. 26 Michigan (5-0) did not play. Next at No. 4 Miami, Thursday, Oct. 14. No. 27 Boise State (4-0) did not play. Next at Tulsa Saturday. No. 28 Oklahoma State (5-0) beat Colorado 42-14. Next vs. Texas A&M Saturday. No. 29 Michigan State (5-0) beat Georgia Tech 20-7. Next vs. N.C. State Saturday. No. 30 North Carolina (5-0) beat Mississippi State 24-10. Next vs. Troy State Saturday, Oct. 23. No. 31 Virginia Tech (5-0) beat Kentucky 24-13. Next at Kentucky, Saturday.

Saturday

No. 1 Southern Cal 23,
No. 7 California 17

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First Quarter
USC-White 5 pass to Ben Olson (Schneider kick), 12:11.
Cal-Golden State 20.
Second Quarter
Cal-FG Schneider 20.
Cal-USC 10 pass from Rodgers (Schneider kick), 6:17.
Cal-USC 10 pass from Rodgers (Schneider kick), 1:27.

Third Quarter
USC-Jarrett 16 pass from Linnart (Kilickick kick), 12:11.

Cal-USC 10 run (Schneider kick), 5:30.

Final Score USC 28, Cal 12.

Passing-California 20-30-0-0.

Passing-USC 29-35-12-5-1.

Punts-Auburn 4-0-2-0.

Punts-Auburn 6-46-5-36.

Penalties-USC 2-30-0-0.

Penalties-USC 6-46-5-36.

Time of Possession 35:49.

Individual Statistics

Rushing-California 21-132.

Rushing-USC 16-105.

Receiving-California 10-152.

Receiving-USC 10-152.

Blocking-California 10-152.

Blocking-USC 10-152.

Defensive-California 10-152.

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Cal-Gibson 24 pass from Greene (Aubley kick), 12:11.

Ten-FG Wilhoit 51, 2:59.

Fourth Quarter

Ten-Hannon 4 pass from Ainge (pass failed), 12:11.

Game-W run (Aubley kick), 4:22.

A-32, 4-6.

Final Score Cal 42, Ten 7.

Passing-California 47-127-29-56.

Passing-Tennessee 12-22-0-19-6.

Receiving-California 10-118.

Receiving-Tennessee 4-40-3-18.

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Time of Possession 35:23 34:27.

Individual Statistics

Rushing-Tennessee 10-120.

Rushing-California 10-120.

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Fumbles-Recovered 0 0

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Oklahoma running back Adrian Peterson (28) slips from the tackle by Texas defensive end Brian Robinson (39) during the second quarter.

Sooners sting Longhorns again

BY JAIME ARON
The Associated Press

DALLAS — The Oklahoma Sooners found a new way to devastate the Texas Longhorns.

Slowly. Painfully. And with a freshman plucked from East Texas doing most of the damage. In just his fifth college game, Adrian Peterson ran for 225 yards on 32 carries and made many big plays when No. 2 Oklahoma needed it most, helping the Sooners grind out a 12-0 victory over No. 5 Texas and stretch their winning streak in the storied rivalry to five straight.

The Longhorns were in it until the end, but still suffered some stinging embarrassment — getting shut out for the first time since November 1980, a run of 281 games that was the longest in the country.

As the final seconds ticked off, crimson-clad fans chanted "Five in a row! Five in a row!" and flashed their hands open to show off five fingers. Then came what became the typical postgame scene, an Oklahoma player planting an oversized school flag at midfield while the Sooner Schooner takes a victory lap.

Peterson was in the middle of it all, even getting passed by center Vance Carter running with the flag surrounded by television cameras and grateful teammates, Peterson probably never felt better about his decision to spurn his lifelong support of the Longhorns and join the Sooners.

"I was looking forward to this game," Peterson said. "It was a really good experience for me."

The Sooners (5-0, 2-0 Big 12) won two of the previous four meetings with early, ugly blowouts,

scoring in the 60s both times. In the other two, seniors made key plays in the fourth quarter to win by 11.

This time — before a crowd of 79,587, biggest in the series' 99-game history — it was the youngster from Palestine who made the difference.

Peterson showed he was going to be a force from his second carry, a 44-yard burst. Although he never reached the end zone, his carries went a long way toward setting up all three Oklahoma scores, two short field goals and a 6-yard touchdown by Kejuan Jones with 8:07 left.

"I'm just glad he's on our team," said Sooners receiver Mark Clayton.

The problems for Texas (4-1, 1-1) were more on offense.

A unit that was revamped after Oklahoma scored 65 points last October simply wore out because it was on the field for 36 minutes, including all but 10 snaps from the middle of the second quarter until the end of the third. OU scored both its field goals during that span.

Tests failed to capitalize on momentum the defense began building by harassing Jason White into the two interceptions — starting with the game-opening drive — and a fumble.

Texas' Cedric Benson finished with 23 carries for 92 yards, nowhere near his nation-leading 186.5. Vince Young wasn't effective throwing (8-for-23 for 96 yards) or running (16 times for 54 yards).

Benson is a senior, meaning he'll leave Texas without ever having beaten Oklahoma. He also has less of a chance of winning the Heisman Trophy or a national championship.

Gallacher wins Dunhill playoff

The Associated Press

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland — Scotland's Stephen Gallacher won for the first time on the European tour, beating Northern Ireland's Graeme McDowell on the first playoff hole Sunday at the Dunhill Links Championship.

Gallacher made a winning 4-for-4 birdie putt, and McDowell's hit his second shot into a creek that runs across the front of the green on the first hole of the Old Course.

Gallacher shot a 5-under-par 67 in the final round. McDowell, who matched a course record with a 62 in the first round, carded a 68.

They totaled 269 in regulation to finish a shot ahead of European Ryder Cup players Ian Poulter (69) and Luke Donald (71).

Long putter comes through for Lehman

LAS VEGAS — Tom Lehman has a love-hate relationship with the long putter that sometimes makes its way into his bag. Lately, he's been finding a lot more to love about it than ever before.

Lehman, using the long putter he put back in his bag only last month, shot a 66 Saturday to take a one-stroke lead over Dicky Pride and Andre Stolz, going into the final round of the Michelin Championship at Las Vegas.

Lehman took advantage of light morning winds to hit 17 greens, but it was his putting that helped him make eight birdies for his first 54-hole lead in five years.

Lehman's third round in the 60s put him at 17 under and in the final pairing on a Sunday for the first time since the Buick Open in 1999.

Pride shot 66 at TPC Summerlin, and Stolz had a 65 to follow an opening par of 67s.

Phil Mickelson withdrew before the third round,

citing illness.

Neumann closes in on first win in six years

NORTH AUGUSTA, S.C. — Liselotte Neumann moved closer to her first LPGA Tour victory in six years, firing a 69 for a one-shot lead at the LPGA Asahi Ryukuten International Championship.

At 11-under-20, Neumann was a stroke ahead of Becky Morgan (70) and three in front of Sophie Gustafson (68), Grace Park (68), Laura Davies (70) and Cristie Kerr (70).

Neumann has won four of five tournaments when leading entering the final round.

Neumann had birdies on two of her first three holes, including a tap-in on the par-3 third when her tee shot finished 3 feet from the cup. Neumann took the lead outright when Andrews mislaid a tricky downhill chip on the fourth for bogey.

Neumann added birdies on the 10th and 12th holes to extend her lead. Her only bogey came on the par-3 15th when her tee shot landed next to a tree.

Levi makes bid for back-to-back titles

SPRING, Texas — Wayne Levi shot a 5-under 67 to take a two-shot lead over D.A. Weirbairg after two rounds of the Administratiff Small Business Classic.

Levi, coming off a victory at the Constellation Energy Classic and leading for consecutive years for the first time in his career, moved to 13-under 131 at Augusta Pines Golf Club. Weirbairg carded a 7-under 65 and Hale Irwin (68) is another two shots back at 135.

Walter Hall, who shared a two-shot lead with Levi after an opening 64, had a second-round 72 and dropped five strokes off the pace. He's tied with Peter Gajdos (67), Jim Thorpe (69), John Harris (69) and Jim Dwyer (70) at 134.

Levi surged to the lead in the second round, making birdies on four of his first five holes. He added a birdie at No. 13 to get to 14 under, but lost a stroke at 17 with his first bogey in 53 holes.

Davenport earns 7th title of year

The Associated Press

FILDERSTADT, Germany — Lindsay Davenport won the Porsche Grand Prix on Sunday when top-ranked Amelie Mauresmo quit after losing the first set because of an injured left thigh.

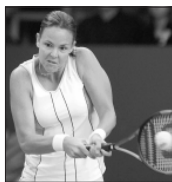
Davenport captured this No. 1 win vs. No. 2 show-down for her tour-high seventh title of the year and 43th of her career.

"It's just a bad feeling — there's not a whole lot of joy in winning like this," Davenport said. "We played maybe one tough game, the first game, then her leg started bothering her."

Mauresmo will undergo tests to see if she can play in next week's Kremlin Cup. If the Frenchwoman withdraws, Davenport needs to win just one match to gain the top spot. Davenport trails Mauresmo in the WTA rankings by just 15 points.

Davenport won the first set 6-2 before Mauresmo withdrew because her heavily taped thigh hampered her movement. Mauresmo was hurt in the third game when Davenport broke serve to lead 2-1. After the next game, she left the court to have her thigh taped and was unable to chase down the American's shots the rest of the set.

"I am a little disappointed because I think we would have



Lindsay Davenport returns a ball to Amelie Mauresmo in the final of the Porsche Tennis Grand Prix.

played a great match," said Mauresmo, who was going for her fourth title of the season.

Novak rallies to top Dent

TOKYO — Jiri Novak rallied from a set down against Rainer Schmitz to win the Japan Open men's singles final 5-7, 6-1, 6-3 on Sunday.

Novak, the No. 5 seed from the Czech Republic, defeated Dent — the seventh seed — for his third career singles title.

"We both started out nervously," Novak said. "But I was able to relax as the match went on and picked up some confidence in the second and third sets."

Soderling captures first title

LYON, France — Sweden's Robin Soderling won his first ATP singles title, using a strong serve to defeat Belgium's Xavier Malisse 6-2, 3-6, 6-4 Sunday in the Lyon Open final.

Soderling previously lost finals in Stockholm, Sweden, and Marseille, France. Malisse has lost all six of his finals.

Mailman visits camp; still not clear on future

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Karl Malone showed up at the Los Angeles Lakers training camp Saturday to visit old teammates and club officials.

Malone's visit was purely social and had no bearing on whether he might play this season, team officials said.

"It's not a bad sign, but really it's not a sign either way," said Lakers general manager Mitch Kupchak, adding the club would welcome Malone's presence on the court.

The 41-year-old Malone, the second-leading scorer in NBA history, underwent arthroscopic surgery on his right knee in late June. He opted out of his \$1.65 million contract with the Lakers at season's end, making him a free agent.

Malone has said he's not ready to play but hasn't ruled out returning this season.

"He's leaving his options open," Malone's agent, Dwight Manley, said last week.

Lakers coach Rudy Tomjanovich said he wouldn't try to persuade Malone to return.

"That would be something that would be grinding and grinding all the time. So for the mental health of the team right now, we're going as if it isn't going to happen," Tomjanovich said.

Thanks to Lima, Dodgers still have life

Animated righty tosses shutout as Los Angeles staves off sweep

BY JOHN NADEL
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Never has "Lima Time" meant so much or been this good.

Jose Lima pitched a five-hitter Saturday night and the Los Angeles Dodgers staved off elimination in their first-round NL playoff series by beating the St. Louis Cardinals 4-0.

Steve Finley hit a two-run double and Shawn Green hit two solo homers as the Dodgers won their first postseason game since the 1988 World Series.

Lima, an animated 32-year-old right-hander who has struggled for much of the last five years, followed two miserable outings by Los Angeles starters with his first complete game since 2001.

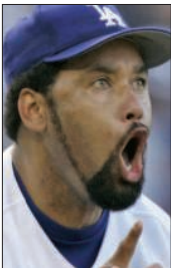
"It doesn't get any better than this right here," Lima said. "I knew I was having a great game, but I didn't want to be too excited and get away from my game. I kept telling myself every batter, 'Jose, if you get this guy out, you will win the game.'"

Working against the team that led the NL in batting (.278) and runs (855), Lima pitched his second career shutout, striking out four and walking one.

Larry Walker, Albert Pujols and Scott Rolen, the Cardinals' 2-3-4 hitters, were combined 0-for-12. Jim Edmonds, who bats fifth, had two hits, as did leadoff hitter Tony Womack.

"I tried to keep at least one of those guys off base," Lima said of the Cardinals' heavy hitters. "I tried to stay away from big innings."

Lima pumped his fist, shouted and pointed at teammates in celebration and practically danced off the field after setting the Cardi-



Jose Lima was a man of many faces and emotions while pitching Los Angeles to a 4-0 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals on Saturday night.

nals down lining after inning. Before his warmup throws in the first inning, he used his finger to draw on the back of the mound the initials of his wife, son, mother and late grandmother, who died 2½ months ago.

"He's always been like that," Cardinals outfielder Reggie Sanders said. "One thing, on our part, you can't get too hyped up or too caught up on that. Lima has always been Lima. He tries to get you caught up in his world. He did tonight."

After he retired the Cardinals in the eighth, the crowd of 55,992 — largest at Dodger Stadium since Game 2 of the 1988 World Series — chanted, "Lima! Lima! Lima!" He came out of the dugout to take a certain call.

"I don't know that you can do it much better," Dodgers manager Jim Tracy said. "That's not bad for someone who came to spring training not guaranteed a job."

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Los Angeles Dodgers manager

Lima signed a minor league contract with the Dodgers last winter. He went 21-10 with the Houston Astros in 1999, but was 7-16 the following year. He pitched in the independent league in 2003 before joining the Kansas City Royals in June.

Tracy said that, had the Cardinals gotten a runner on base in the ninth, he would have gone to closer Eric Gagne. It didn't happen, as Lima retired Pujols and Rolen on fly balls and Edmonds on a popout.

Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said few of Lima's 109 pitches went down the middle.

"We had a lot of trouble getting to the top of the ball, made a lot of outs in the air," La Russa said. "He did a very good job."

Odalis Perez, rocked for six runs in 2½ innings in Tuesday's opener, drew the Sunday night start for the Dodgers against Jeff Suppan. A fifth and deciding

game, if necessary, would be played Monday night in St. Louis. No NL team has won the division series after falling behind 0-2 in the expanded playoffs began in 1995.

Los Angeles had lost eight postseason games in a row since beating Oakland in the 1988 World Series. The Dodgers were swept 3-0 by Cincinnati in 1995 and by Atlanta the following year, then didn't get back to the playoffs until this year, when they twice lost 8-3 in St. Louis.

Lima, 9-1 with a 3.08 ERA at Dodger Stadium this season, faced more than four batters in an inning only once — when the Cardinals put two on with two outs in the fifth. Losing pitcher Matt Morris grounded into a forecourt to end the threat.

Green hit solo homers off Morris in the fourth and sixth to give Los Angeles a 4-0 lead, both blows sending the crowd into a frenzy.

The Dodgers, unable to get a clutch hit in the first two games, got one in the third when Finley hit a two-out, two-run double. It's his only hit in 12 at-bats in this series.

Los Angeles got a big break earlier in the inning. Alex Cora was hit by a pitch and went to third on Brent Mayne's single. It appeared Lima's bunt bounced up and hit his bat as he left the batter's box, meaning it should have been ruled a foul ball or he should have been called out. Cardinals catcher Mike Matheny threw to second, but Mayne was safe, leaving the bases loaded.

"They went and discussed it and they didn't see it," La Russa said of the umpiring crew. "You can't call it if you don't see it."

Morris retired the next two batters before Finley sliced a broken-bat double inside third.

Green opened the fourth by hitting a 2-0 pitch over the left-center wall and hit the first pitch from Morris over the right field fence with two outs in the sixth.

Morris, pitching for the second time since Sept. 20, gave up four runs and six hits in seven innings before being lifted for a pinch hitter.

Newcomers Backe, Beltran push Braves to brink

BY JOEL ANDERSON
The Associated Press

HOUSTON — A couple of new Killers Bs have the Houston Astros one victory away from ending 43 seasons of playoff failure.

Carlos Beltran hit a two-run homer and Brandon Backe pitched six innings in his postseason debut to lead the Astros to their 19th straight home victory, 8-5 over Atlanta on Saturday for a 2-1 lead in an NL playoff series.

Hoping to clinch the first playoff series victory in club history, Roger Clemens was scheduled to pitch Sunday on three days' rest for the first time this season. The Rocket, winner of his last four postseason decisions, faced off with Atlanta's Russ Ortiz.

"I was praying to be in this kind of situation, where every game

means something," said Beltran, traded from last-place Kansas City at midseason. "Being around so many good players in the clubhouse has helped me to become a better player."

Houston has a humiliating history of October failure, having lost seven series overall and failed to advance in the first round in 1997, 1999 and 2001. With help from new guys like Beltran and Backe, and timely contributions from Jeff Bagwell, Craig Biggio and Lance Berkman, the wild-card Astros are close to advancing.

"We still have a long way to go," said Bagwell, a 13-year veteran and one of Houston's original "Killer Bs."

Even after the Braves pulled off an improbable rally in Game 2 for a 4-2 victory in 11 innings, the Astros were feeling good for hav-

ing earned a split in Atlanta and stealing homefield advantage.

The Braves got off to a bad start Saturday. Starter John Thomson threw only four pitches before leaving after reagravating the muscle pull in his side that forced him out of the final game of the regular season.

"It didn't hurt when I was warming up, but I just couldn't pitch," Thomson said. "I don't know how to explain it. It just popped. I was walking the stairs to go back into the dugout, and it felt like a deep breath or moved wrong, it hurt."

Thomson was replaced by Paul Byrd, who took the loss after giving up four runs on four hits in 4½ innings.

"I know this team is hot here," Byrd said. "But I didn't feel like they were unbeatable."

The return home did wonders for the Astros, who didn't have a hit over the final 5½ innings and finished with only four in Game 2 on Thursday.

Beltran went 2-for-5 after going hitless in five at-bats in Game 2. Morgan Ensberg had three RBIs and Berkman, Jeff Kent and Mike Lamb each drove in runs.

Brad Lidge got the final three outs for the save, recovering nicely from a blown save in Game 2, when he pitched a season-high 2½ innings.

Andrew Jones hit a three-run homer in the eighth for the Braves and Johnny Estrada also connected.

Needless to say, Backe had a much better afternoon than Thomson.

A reliever until moving into the

rotation in August, Backe showed the same uncommon poise he displayed when he stepped in for the ailing Clemens for Houston's play-off-clinching victory in the regular-season finale.

"He pitched, for me, just like a veteran," Braves manager Bobby Cox said. "I thought he was outstanding."

Backe worked his way out of a bases-loaded jam in the second, striking out Byrd with a 93 mph fastball to end the inning. Backe also shook off Estrada's homer and Jones' RBI double in the fourth, retiring the final seven batters he faced.

When Backe struck out Jones to end the sixth, Houston's largest crowd of the season — 43,547 — saluted him with a standing ovation.

His final numbers were solid: two runs, five hits, five strikeouts and two walks.

Stewart slams NASCAR for driver's penalty

By Mike Harris

The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Kan. — Tony Stewart took a verbal swipe at NASCAR on Saturday, insisting friend and competitor Dale Earnhardt Jr. should not have lost points for cursing during a live TV interview last weekend.

Instead of leading by 13 points, Earnhardt enters Sunday's Banquet 40 at Kansas Speedway trailing Truck Busch by 12 points after the third of 10 races in NASCAR's new playoff-style championship format. Junior was fined \$10,000 and docked 25 points for using inappropriate language during the interview in Victory Lane at Talladega.

Stewart, long NASCAR's bad boy, is no stranger to penalties.

Most recently, he was fined \$50,000, had 25 points taken away and was placed on probation for allegedly hitting Brian Vickery during a post-race confrontation in June at Sonoma.

But the severity of Earnhardt's penalty irritated the 2002 series champion.

"I think we're starting to nitpick and scrutinize way too much in this series," the often outspoken Stewart said. "Since when does something that somebody says have an effect on winning the championship? 'What he said didn't cheat anybody on the racetrack. It didn't have any effect on how the race was run. That [penalty] can have an effect on millions of dollars and how their sponsors have to handle this now, and the pressure it has put on their team. It's been totally unfair to him and his race team."

Stewart also wondered what other mistakes might result in a penalty from NASCAR.

"What's going to be the next thing?" he asked. "If we don't show up to the car for practice on time are we going to lose 25 points for that next? Where is it realistically going to end?"

NASCAR spokesman Jim Hunter said he talked with Stewart about his objections to the Earnhardt penalty.

"I appreciate Tony's candor, and I think everybody else in NASCAR management appreciates that candor," Hunter said. "This is another case that there is some strong disagreement."

Earnhardt suggested on Friday that NASCAR consider changing its policy on

non-competition penalties and simply raising the fines to \$100,000 or \$200,000 for slips of the tongue like his.

"The reason we got into penalizing points as opposed to just money was because penalizing money was not getting the job done," Hunter said. "Whether you agree or disagree, we promote this sport as a family sport. As a result of that, to get their attention, we use the loss of points."

Hunter also pointed to the precedent that was set earlier this year when Busch Series drivers Johnny Sauter and Ron Hornaday Jr. were both docked 25 points for cursing during live radio interviews. "In this particular instance, with the precedent having been set, we think this was the right decision," Hunter said. "At the end of this season, as we do every year, I'm sure we'll review the whole season."

Americans now closer to securing finals slot

By Eloy O. Aguilar

The Associated Press

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador — Thanks to Brian McBride and Eddie Johnson, the United States can advance to the finals round of qualifying for the 2006 World Cup after a victory over Panama next week.

McBride scored in the 29th minute and Johnson, making his international debut, added a goal in the 75th to lead the United States over El Salvador 2-0 Saturday night.

"You do not win too many games on the road in World Cup qualifying," U.S. coach Bruce Arena said. "We finished this round without losing a game on the road, so I think that's a big plus for our team."

The United States (2-0-2) leads Group A of the North and Central American and Caribbean semifinals with eight points, three ahead of Jamaica and Panama (both 1-1-2), who played a 1-1 tie Saturday night in Panama City.

The Americans, who extended their unbeaten streak to 11 games, can clinch a berth in next year's six-nation regional finals with a victory Wednesday over Panama in Washington, D.C. After that, the United States closes the round Nov. 17 against Jamaica at Columbus, Ohio.

McBride took a pass from Kerry Zavagnin on the left side in the 29th minute, cut past defender Victor Velasquez and beat goalkeeper Misael Alfaro to the far post for his 26th goal in 81 international appearances.

"When I received the ball, I just tried to shield it and turn," McBride said. "I faked the shot, and the second time I was going



United States' Brian McBride moves the ball against El Salvador on Saturday in San Salvador. McBride scored to help the U.S. win 2-0.

to hit it but I faked again and they fell off again, and the ball set up for the third time and I struck it pretty well."

Johnson replaced McBride in the 71st minute and scored four minutes into his first appearance with the national team. DaMarcus Beasley slotted the ball to Landon Donovan, who got by defender Marvin Gonzalez and sent the ball across to Johnson, who kicked it into the open net with his left foot from 2 yards out.

"I was lucky. I was in the right place at the right time," said Johnson, who has scored 11 goals for Dallas in Major League Soccer this season. "I moved into the box, and Landon made a very unselfish play to pass the ball."

U.S. goalkeeper Casey Keller was rarely tested, having to make only two saves. With Claudio Reyna sidelined by a quadricope

injury, Donovan was the U.S. captain for the first time.

"The second-highest honor is playing for your country, and the highest honor is wearing the armband for your country," Donovan said. "It shows that the players have confidence in me, and that feels good."

The United States started an offense-minded lineup that included McBride, Donovan, Clint Mathis and Josh Wolff.

McBride put the ball in the net in the sixth minute, but Wolff was called for offsides, negating the goal. Mathis had a great chance to score in the 15th minute off a pass from Beasley but missed the ball.

"I think the first half we were a little sloppy in different parts of the field, but I think in the second half we were much more solid," Arena said. "Obviously, we could have scored more goals."

Nemechek nips Biffle to claim Busch title

The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Kan. — Joe Nemechek kept Tony Stewart winless in the NASCAR Busch Series, then earned his first victory of the season in the series' closest race this year.

Stewart, who has a Winston Cup championship and an Indy Racing League title but has never won a Busch race, dominated all but the last few laps Saturday at Kansas Speedway. But Nemechek reeled him in after a late restart, and Stewart was trying to hold him off when the two made contact in the backstretch with 1½ laps to go.

"He just kept coming and coming, and I said, 'Please, please, don't come all the way up,'" said Nemechek, whose victory was the 16th of his Busch career. "But he came up, and his bumper poked a hole in the nose of my car, and he went into the wall."

Stewart spun into the backstretch wall, forcing a three-lap shootout that, combined with a caution lap, added 6 miles to the Mr. Goodcents 300.

Nemechek, who will start Sunday's Nextel Cup race on the pole, held off Greg Biffle's Ford by .041 of a second.

"He just had a little more steam to the stripe," Biffle said, adding that neither Nemechek nor Stewart was to blame for the crash that took Stewart out.

"He was looking in the mirror, trying to mirror drive (Nemechek's No. 87)," Biffle said. "Someone said it looked like Joe never let up, so you can't tell once a car starts darting off like this."

Stewart, who finished 25th, left the track without completing the race, while Nemechek said he felt compelled to apologize to his friend.

"It was one of those racing

deals," he said. "I don't ever turn anyone, especially not on purpose."

Other wrecks kept the top two drivers from gaining much ground in the standings.

Points leader Martin Truex Jr. crashed in the third lap and did not return until the 47th lap, finishing 30th.

But Kyle Busch, who came into the race trailing Truex by 152 points, could not capitalize. He



crashed in the 81st lap, was out for 27 laps and finished 29th — gaining just three points on the leader.

Michael Schumacher wins 13th race of season

SUZUKA, Japan — Michael Schumacher won his first race since August and 13th of the season Sunday by claiming his sixth Japanese Grand Prix.

After having his troubles, including a 12th at the Chinese Grand Prix for his worst finish in a race since 1993, the seven-time world champion returned to his dominant form.

"I didn't think too much about what happened at the last Grand Prix. I don't really take that into account, questioning anything," Schumacher said. "There wasn't really the extra pressure."

He won 12 of the first 13 races with Ferrari, then failed to win the previous three, before gaining his 83rd career victory Sunday.

Schumacher was ahead of brother Ralf in a Williams-BMW at the end of 53 laps of the 3.609-mile Suzuka circuit.

He was followed by Takuma Sato in third and fourth, almost clinching second in the team standings. Fernando Alonso of Renault was fifth.

It was Michael Schumacher's first victory since the Hungarian GP in August, and his sixth at the Suzuka circuit, where he won every Japanese GP since 1999, with three different drivers — Eddie Irvine 1999; Schumacher 2000, 2001 and 2004 and Rubens Barrichello 2003.

"Coming here to Suzuka, which is a circuit I like very much, it's just nice and great," said Schumacher. "Who also was here for Ferrari in 1997 and Benetton in 1995."

Despite clinching the 2004 title with a second at the Belgian GP behind Kimi Raikkonen, the German went winless in three straight races, while teammate Barrichello took the last two.

Raikkonen was the driver for McLaren with Juan Pablo Montoya of Williams seventh.

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New York ready for rematch

Red Sox await after Yankees' 11th-inning win in Minnesota

BY DAVE CAMPBELL
The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — For Alex Rodriguez and the New York Yankees, Minnesota proved to be little more than a speed bump, barely slowing them down on their race to meet the Red Sox.

A big home run by Ruben Sierra, a timely 11th-inning hit by Rodriguez and the Yankees beat the Twins 6-5 Saturday to win the first-round playoff series in four games — and a date with Boston for the AL pennant.

"This is what everybody drew up in spring training and now everybody gets to see what it's all about," Yankees star Gary Sheffield said. "When Schilling went to the Red Sox and when A-Rod came here, that's what everybody wanted to see."

The AL championship series opens Tuesday night at Yankee Stadium, with Curt Schilling likely to start for the Red Sox against Mike Mussina.

Sierra's three-run homer in the eighth inning tied it, then Rodriguez doubled, alertly stole third base and scored in the 11th on Kyle Lohse's wild pitch.

Rodriguez hit .421 in the series, best among the Yankees, with three doubles and a home run.

"What makes you a complete player and a winning player is being asked to do the little things," Rodriguez said. "You can't play big ball all the time."

Minnesota led 5-1 behind ace Johan Santana before another New York rally. The Yankees came from behind for all three wins in this series after setting a major league record with 61 comeback victories during the regular season. Nine of those were from deficits of four runs or more.

"I've never been around so many guys that believe in themselves," Rodriguez said. "We have so many guys with big, big hearts."

Said Twins manager Ron Gardenhire: "They find a way. They've just got so many great hitters."

For the second straight year, New York lost the first-round opener to Minnesota, then won three straight and advanced to



NEWSDAY/KRT

Alex Rodriguez celebrates as the New York Yankees beat the Minnesota Twins 6-5 in 11 innings in Game 4 of their playoff series Saturday. New York won the series 3-1.

the AL championship series.

The Yankees won that matchup with the Red Sox last October on Aaron Boone's homer in the 11th inning of Game 7, then lost 4-2 to Florida in the World Series.

Boston spent the offseason competing with the Yankees for Rodriguez and others, then went 11-8 against the Yankees this year, finishing three games back in the AL East but winning the wild card. The

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Red Sox then swept Anaheim in the first round.

Winning pitcher Mariano Rivera, who blew a rare postseason save chance in the eighth inning of Game 2, retired six straight batters to finish a stifling performance by the Yankees bullpen. After Javier Vazquez allowed five runs in five innings, Esteban Loaiza and Tom Gordon each threw two scoreless innings.

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